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### **UPDATE: Homicide Incident Determined Justifiable**

During the course of the investigation into the July 12 incident, LCSO detectives learned two males were involved in a stabbing altercation. Based on witness testimony and video surveillance footage, LCSO detectives determined a male chased another male, while carrying metal pipes in each hand. During the confrontation, the male wielding the pipes suffered a fatal stab wound. LCSO detectives submitted their findings to the State Attorney's Office who agreed with LCSO's determination that the homicide was justified.

### **LCSO Investigating Overnight Homicide**

On July 12, 2021, around 2 am, the Leon County Sheriff's Office received a call for service in reference to an injured person in the area of Pensacola Street and White Drive. Deputies responded to the area and located a victim suffering from life-threatening injuries. The injuries proved to be fatal and the victim was pronounced deceased on scene. This incident is classified as a homicide and the LCSO Violent Crimes and Crime Scene units have assumed the investigation.

At this time, the victim's identification and information are being withheld pending next of kin notification.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information to please contact the LCSO Violent Crimes Unit at (850) 606-3300 or to remain anonymous contact Big Bend Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477).



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