



NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT Press Release



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*****UPDATE*****

North Little Rock Police Make Arrest in Homicide

North Little Rock, AR (February 2, 2020)—On January 18th Officers with the North Little Rock Police Department responded to a structure fire at 17 Quillen. After the fire was extinguished the body of an adult male was located inside the residence. The body was sent to the Arkansas State Crime Lab for identification and to determine the cause and manner of death.

Detectives with the North Little Rock Police Department were notified and initiated an investigation into the incident. The victim was identified as 32 year old Joshua Dylan Watson. During the course of the investigation detectives learned that Mr. Watson was the victim of a homicide. Detectives were advised that Mr. Watson had died as a result of being shot.

Detectives have arrested 43 year old John Charles Murdock in relation to this incident. Mr. Murdock has been charged with First Degree Murder and is currently being held at the Pulaski County Regional Detention Facility.

This investigation is still currently on-going. Further information will be provided when it becomes available.

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North Little Rock Police Investigating House Fire Death as Homicide

North Little Rock, AR (January 25, 2020)—On January 18th at approximately 1:50am Officers with the North Little Rock Police Department responded to 17 Quillen in reference to a structure fire. When officers arrived on scene they observed that the house located at that address was fully engulfed in flames. The North Little Rock Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. A search of the residence was conducted. During the search, the body of a male subject was located.

Detectives with the North Little Rock Police Department responded to the scene and initiated an investigation. The remains were collected and sent to the Arkansas State Crime Lab for identification and to determine the cause and manner of death.

Detectives have since learned that the manner of death has been ruled a homicide.

The victim has been identified as 32 year old Joshua Dylan Watson (W/M).

The North Little Rock Police Department is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Mr. Watson. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the North Little Rock Police Department. Information can also be provided to our 24 hour tip line at 501-680-8439. Those with information can remain anonymous.

This investigation is active and on-going. Further information will be provided when it becomes available.

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