



**PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**May 27, 2025**

**Latty Township** – On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 12:48 A.M., Paulding County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a disturbance at 16369 Road 24, southwest of the Village of Grover Hill. The initial caller reported a male was being argumentative and had a knife.

Deputies responded within six minutes and found Derek Eugene Pontius, age 40, suffering from stab wounds. The suspect, 20-year-old Corbin Michael Delgado, had fled the area on foot.

Life saving measures were administered by deputies and members of the Grover Hill EMS. Pontius was transported to the Van Wert Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

At 1:48 A.M., a deputy located Delgado in the Village of Grover Hill. A trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol assisted the deputy in apprehending Delgado. He was booked in the Paulding County Jail.

An initial charge of Murder has been filed on Delgado in the Paulding County Common Pleas Court. The case will be turned over to the Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for further consideration of additional charges.

No further information is expected to be released, as this investigation is ongoing.

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