



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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ADDITIONAL PRESS RELEASE

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Death Investigation/Suspect Apprehended

Cecil, Ohio—Deputies continue to investigate tips coming into the office regarding the death investigation that began about 12:28 p.m. Thursday, September 20, 2018. The crime scene is located at 11243 Road 230, Cecil, Ohio.

The victim of this homicide was the home owner Philip V. Koenn, age 60. Koenn was found deceased inside the residence with apparent gunshot wounds. Koenn was the lone occupant at this address and was the only person found inside.

Investigators were able to follow leads and secure an arrest warrant for Michael Kent Loop, age 32, of Defiance, Ohio. Law enforcement was able to utilize investigative technology and located Loop in Defiance County. He was taken into custody and booked in the Paulding County Jail on one count of Murder, an Unclassified Felony.

“This was a violent crime. We are fortunate some early tips came in leading us to Mr. Loop. We are not done. We believe more people could be involved. An earlier statement that two people fled the area was inaccurate. Witnesses only actually saw one person at the scene of the crime,” said Sheriff Jason K. Landers.

Multiple agencies were involved with this investigation. Those agencies include: Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Defiance Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Defiance County Adult Probation, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation Crime Scene Unit and the Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force.

No further information is expected to be released at this time.

If anyone has further information related to this homicide, you are urged to contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office at 419-399-3791. You can always go to the Sheriff's Office website and submit an anonymous tip.