



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



### **\*UPDATE\* SYMMES TWP MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFIED**

**Symmes Township, January 17, 2017** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports an update to the Murder which occurred in Symmes Township on January 16, 2017 at the Red Roof Inn on Governors Hill Drive.

Our Sheriff's Detectives, working in cooperation with Hamilton County Coroner Dr. Lakshmi Sammarco, have positively identified the victim in this case as Mahmud Abdur-Rahman. Mr. Abdur-Rahman was a 24 year old male with a last known address of Lexington Avenue in the City of Cincinnati.

This case remains under investigation. As always, we ask anyone with information on this incident to call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section at (513) 851-6000 or Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040.

**Original Release:** At approximately 9:32 pm, Sheriff's Deputy Shane Wiseman was conducting patrol at the Red Roof Inn located at 8870 Governors Hill Drive in Symmes Township. Deputy Wiseman was flagged down by a guest of the hotel who informed him that there was a male subject "passed out" in the parking lot. Deputy Wiseman responded to the area and found a male subject unresponsive.

Loveland-Symmes Fire Department responded to the scene and transported the individual to Bethesda North where he was pronounced deceased.

The victim in this case is a male black in his early 20's, approximately 6', thin build, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, with a thin beard. Investigators are still attempting to positively identify this person.

This is a homicide investigation. There is sufficient evidence to lead investigators to believe that this murder is drug related. There is no reason to believe that anyone else in the area is at risk.

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