



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



***UPDATE* MURDER SUSPECT IDENTIFIED**

Symmes Township, January 19, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a suspect has been identified in the Murder which occurred in Symmes Township on January 16, 2017 at the Red Roof Inn on Governors Hill Drive. Eric Adams, a male black, 22 years of age has been charged with Aggravated Murder. Adams is 5'6" and 180 lbs. and has been known to frequent the Avondale, Westwood and Price Hill neighborhoods. Adams has had numerous prior felony arrests.

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

January 17, 2017: 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.

January 16, 2017: 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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