



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



***UPDATE – MURDER SUSPECT IN CUSTODY**

Update – February 2, 2017 – Sheriff Jim Neil announces the arrest of Cleveland Saunders IV, the suspect wanted for the Murder of Jaron Steele on December 14, 2016 in the City of Mount Healthy. The Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST), which consists of our Hamilton County Sheriff's Fugitive Unit and United States Marshals, worked cooperatively with our law enforcement partners to locate Mr. Saunders in Carthage, Mississippi. Saunders attempted to flee from agents, however he was apprehended and taken into custody without incident. Saunders was transported to the Leake County, MS jail where he will remain awaiting an extradition hearing to return to Hamilton County, Ohio to face the Murder charge.

Mount Healthy, December 14, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil, and Mount Healthy Police Chief Vince Demasi reports the issuance of a warrant for Murder on Cleveland Saunders IV.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., Mount Healthy Police Department responded to a 911 call at 8000 Hamilton Avenue Lot 21 for a person down. Mount Healthy Police officers were dispatched and found Jaron Steele deceased from gunshots.

A joint investigation between the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section and Mount Healthy Police Department determined Cleveland Saunders IV murdered Jaron Steele. Murder warrants were issued for Cleveland Saunders IV.

Cleveland Saunders IV is described as a male black, date of birth July 6, 1995. He is 5'11", 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. His last known address was 8000 Hamilton Ave lot # 41 Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

Cleveland Saunders IV has previous Aggravated Robbery history and should be considered armed and dangerous. If anyone knows where, or sees Cleveland Saunders IV, they should immediately call 911.

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