

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



MEDIA RELEASE

HOMICIDE IN CROSBY TOWNSHIP

Crosby Township, June 29, 2018 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a homicide that occurred in Crosby Township. On June 29, 2018, at 5:27 pm, the Hamilton County Communication Center received multiple calls for a person shot who was not breathing. The location of the incident was near the entrance of the Fort Scott neighborhood on Fort Scott Boulevard just north of Blue Rock Road. Sheriff's deputies and several other law enforcement agencies responded along with fire and EMS units. First responders arrived to find the victim, Thomas James Landacre (male white, 37) of Morrow, Ohio, on the street bleeding from the neck and chest area. He was unresponsive and several citizens were attempting to give him first aid. He was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital Western Ridge where he was pronounced deceased.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Section was called to the scene to assist. The investigation revealed that a verbal altercation took place between the victim and James R. Rhymer (male white, 44) of Fairfield, Ohio. The altercation took place after an apparent custody exchange of a young child. During the altercation, Rhymer produced a handgun and shot Landacre in the upper chest area. He then drove to the front of the neighborhood community center/pool and was taken into custody by responding officers.

James R. Rhymer is being transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center on one count of murder. The incident occurred next to the community building and pool, and it is believed that there are more witnesses that left the scene before

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investigators had an opportunity to interview them. Anyone who may have information about this incident is asked to contact the Hamilton County Criminal Investigation Section at (513)851-6000 or CrimeStoppers at (513)352-3040.

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