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## IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: Homicide

DATE OF RELEASE: January 31, 2017

DATE AND TIME OCCURRED: January 29, 2017 at 4:00pm

LOCATION: Springfield Township, Kalkaska County

VICTIM: Michael Steven Brandt, W/M, 54YO, South Boardman, MI

SUSPECT: In Custody Awaiting Arraignment

**INFORMATION:** Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on Sunday, 1/29/17 at approximately 4:03 pm Kalkaska Central Dispatch received a 911 call from a male subject reporting that he found his friend, Michael Brandt, deceased in his home in Springfield Township. The reporting party advised he had not heard from Brandt in a few days and as a result, went to check on him. Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and confirmed Michael Steven Brandt was deceased. Deputies secured the scene and contacted detectives from the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office, the Michigan State Police and the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory who immediately began their investigation into this incident.

An autopsy was performed and the death was ruled a homicide. Further investigation by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and on-scene detectives revealed that Brandt was attacked at his residence and suffered multiple stab wounds.

Witnesses were interviewed and two suspects were located and taken into custody for questioning. These same suspects were arrested at approximately 9:00 pm on Monday night, January 30<sup>th</sup> in connection with this homicide. At this time, the two suspects in custody are awaiting arraignment and the investigation continues.

Michigan State Police Detectives and the Michigan State Police Crime Lab personnel are assisting the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office with the investigation.

APPROVED BY:

PAT WHITEFORD, SHERIFF