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## **IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE**

**TYPE:** Death Investigation

**DATE OF RELEASE:** November 22, 2017

**DATE AND TIME OCCURRED:** November 21, 2017 at 5:03 pm

**LOCATION:** Gonyer Rd, Springfield Township, Kalkaska County, MI

**VICTIM:** Brodrick Albert Ward, B/M, 42YO, Inkster, MI. (Deceased)

**INFORMATION:** Update to an ongoing homicide investigation in Kalkaska County. On November 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 5:03pm, the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office was alerted to a deceased 42 year old black male located in a residence on Gonyer Rd in Springfield Township, Kalkaska County, MI. The cause of death was determined to be a gunshot wound. A joint investigation between the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office, the Michigan State Police and the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office was initiated. The investigation led to a 36 year old black male from Wisconsin being taken into custody. The investigation is ongoing and updates will be forthcoming as information is able to be released. The community is not at risk as there are no suspects at large. The incident is drug related and the parties are believed to be known to each other.

The suspect's name is not being released at this time pending arraignment. Formal charges will be reviewed by the Kalkaska County Prosecuting Attorney.

**STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.**

**APPROVED BY:**

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