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Homicide

Update – 2/7/24, 4:00 p.m.: Detectives with Kanawha County Sheriff's Office now have one male under arrest and have more information on the victims at Sapphire Road.

Markus Deron Guy, 31, of Charleston has been charged with two counts of felony 1st degree murder. He is expected to appear before a Kanawha County Magistrate later this evening.

Detectives at the scene of Sapphire Road have identified the deceased as one juvenile male and one adult female. We are currently still processing the crime scene and are unable to release any information about their identity; however, we can confirm they did know the suspect.

We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

Saint Albans, WV- Kanawha County Sheriff's Office Detectives are currently on scene and investigating a double homicide at 35 Sapphire Road in Saint Albans.

Deputies responded to the residence after the Charleston Police Department had two individuals walk

into the downtown precinct around 11:30 a.m. and provide information that people were deceased inside the Saint Albans home.

When deputies arrived at the Sapphire Road residence, they found the home to be unsecured with no response from anyone inside. Deputies made entry into the home to check the welfare of any occupants when they discovered two deceased bodies and multiple aggressive animals inside.

The Kanawha County Humane Officer along with Saint Albans and Nitro Animal Control responded to the scene to assist deputies in removing the animals and getting them to a safe location.





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This is an active investigation and remains in the early stages with limited information. Detectives are currently processing the scene at a homicide and conducting interviews. As we gather information, additional statements will be released.

Should you have any information regarding this incident, please contact <u>Lieutenant S.D. Snuffer</u> at Kanawha County Sheriff's Office, <u>304-357-0556</u>, or submit a "tip" at <u>www.kanawhasheriff.us</u> under the "Tips" tab.