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## **Self-inflicted Fatal Gunshot Wound**

**Hugheston, WV-** On Monday, March 11, 2024, around 3:30 a.m., Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 17 Ester Lane in Hugheston, Kanawha County to investigate a reported wanted person there.

Metro 911 dispatchers had taken a call from the residents of that home stating a family member, Mr. Luke Wilson, was there knocking on the door. Mr. Wilson, 45 years old from Walkersville, West Virginia (Lewis County) was allegedly a suspect in a suspicious fire that is believed to have resulted in multiple fatalities. That fire took place in Lewis County earlier last night.

As Kanawha County deputies arrived on the scene, Mr. Wilson could initially be seen moving around inside his vehicle but quickly stopped moving. Multiple attempts to call Mr. Wilson out of the vehicle and back to the deputies were unsuccessful, so deputies approached Mr. Wilson's vehicle. Deputies discovered that Mr. Wilson was deceased inside his vehicle from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Deputies were able to confirm with Lewis County that Mr. Wilson was a suspect in that earlier fire case, and they were notified of his condition. The Kanawha County Criminal Investigative Section was called to the scene to investigate the death which was determined to be consistent with suicide.

All matters regarding the fire investigation will be handled in Lewis County.



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