



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Incident Location: Pennsylvania/Vine St, Urbana
Date/Time of Press Release: January 13, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Date/Time of Incident: January 12, 2022, 6:23 p.m.



HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:23 pm, Urbana patrol officers were dispatched to the area of Vine and Burkwood in Urbana on an unknown problem. Officers arrived and located a male victim lying in the roadway. The male was suffering from undetermined injuries at the time, but he was not responsive. The male was transported to Carle ER. Once at the hospital, it was discovered that the male had apparently been shot one time in the back. The male was pronounced dead at Carle. An autopsy will be conducted on the morning of 01-13-22.

Information regarding the identity of the decedent will not be released at this time, pending family notification and further coordination with the Champaign County Coroner's Office.

Officers and detectives worked the scene and discovered that the victim was likely driving for a ride-sharing company at the time of the incident. The victim's vehicle was located near the intersection of Vine and Pennsylvania, which is a few blocks north of where the victim was located in the roadway.

With coordination and considerable assistance from officers with the Champaign Police Department, Urbana officers and detectives were able to locate two suspects at an address in Champaign. The suspects, a 16-year-old Champaign male and a 17-year-old Champaign male, were located and placed under arrest. Initial investigation indicates that this homicide was likely an apparent robbery attempt of the victim as he was working.

The juvenile arrestees were transferred to the custody of staff at the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center, pending further court proceedings.

The investigation of this incident is ongoing. Anyone with further information, photographs, or video recordings is encouraged to call the Urbana Police Department at 217-384-2320. Detectives will arrange to meet with witnesses privately. Callers may remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 217-373-TIPS, submit a tip on the Champaign County Crime Stoppers website (champaigncountycrimestoppers.com), or submit a tip on the free P3 Tips app which is available in iTunes and Google Play app stores.

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