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Press Release

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On December 12th, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Urbandale Police Officers responded to 4205 90th Street for a report of a medical emergency. Responding officers found an adult female suffering from head trauma. The female died at the scene. This death is being investigated as a homicide.

Urbandale Police Department Detectives are investigating this incident. The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation is assisting Urbandale Police Detectives with the investigation. Urbandale Detectives and Iowa DCI Agents continue to interview witnesses, examine evidence, and follow investigative leads.

On December 13th, at approximately 0800 hours, Urbandale Police Department Detectives, with the assistance of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, arrested 35 year old Urbandale resident Dustin Sample and charged him with Murder-1st Degree. Sample was arrested at the Urbandale Police Department without incident. Urbandale Police Detectives transported Dustin Sample to the Polk County Jail.

The name of the victim in this incident is being withheld pending family notification.

Additional Information will be shared as it becomes available to release. The next update is scheduled for December 13th at 11:00 a.m.

A photo of Sample is attached to this release.

The Urbandale Police Department Case number is 2020-02372

UPDATE: 12-13-2020 at 11:10 a.m.

At this time, there is no new information to release. Information will be released as it becomes available.

UPDATE: 12-14-2020 at 09:00 a.m.

The female victim in this case has been identified as 29 year old Urbandale resident Mary Sample. Mary is the wife of the suspect.

Urbandale Police Detectives, with the assistance of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, continue to investigate this incident. Detectives continue to interview witnesses, examine evidence, and follow investigative leads.

If anyone has information concerning this investigation, please contact Urbandale Police Detective Morlan at (515) 331-6816 or email the Urbandale Criminal Investigation Division at UPDCID@Gmail.com.

Information will continue to be released as it becomes available. At this time, there are no scheduled updates.

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