



MEDIA RELEASE



BLOOMINGTON PD & MCLEAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

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****Update* Homicide Victim Identified***

Bloomington, IL - McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder identified this morning's homicide victim as Mariah C. Petracca, 22, of Bloomington, Illinois. Petracca was pronounced deceased by the Coroner's office at 1:35 a.m. this morning. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Petracca died from multiple gunshot wounds. Toxicology testing is pending. This incident remains under investigation by the McLean County Coroner's Office and the Bloomington Police Department.

Previous Release

Bloomington, IL - On 1-30-2021, at approximately 12:45 a.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the 500 block of N. Main St., Bloomington, for the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found two adult females on the sidewalk, both with multiple gunshot wounds. One female was pronounced deceased at the scene and the other was transported to a local hospital.

The suspect, Michael Bakana, age 41 of Normal, IL, was located on the scene and taken into custody without further incident. Bakana was arrested for Murder and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and transported to McLean County Jail.

The investigation indicates that this shooting was an isolated incident. Additional information suggests the shooting stemmed from a dispute that took place between the victims and the arrestee immediately prior to this incident. At this time no additional information is being released.

Anyone with information is asked to contact BPD Detective Paul Jones at 309-434-2548 (pjones@cityblm.org) reference case #202101360.

All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law

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