



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## For Immediate Release:

### HOMICIDE ARREST

On 4-9-2021, at approximately 1:36 a.m., Bloomington police department received a call regarding a man in the roadway in the 600 block of W. Seminary Avenue, Bloomington, IL.

Officers arrived to find a deceased middle-aged white male lying in the roadway. A survey of the initial scene indicated the victim had been stabbed multiple times. As with all major cases, the department immediately deployed a team of detectives, officers and analysts who have been working around the clock on this case. Early this morning, the team was able to identify the victim, establish his activity over the past 24 hours, interview multiple witnesses and gather a variety of electronic evidence across Bloomington/Normal.

By mid-afternoon, the team identified and located a suspect vehicle, interviewed several persons of interest and generated information leading to the issuance of an arrest warrant for a suspect. At approximately 10:00 p.m., officers from the department's SWAT team located and arrested Larry E. Knell, age 44, of Normal, in the parking lot of a Bloomington gas station. Knell's arrest warrant was for First Degree Murder, \$2,000,000 bond (10% applies). After being taken into custody, Knell was transported to the McLean County Jail.

If you have additional information on this incident, please contact either Det. Roth at 309-434-2379 or Det. Jones at 309-434-2548. *This is an ongoing investigation and no further information is being released at this time.*

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

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