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Four Seasons Road Double Homicide - Investigation Update

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department is still investigating the double homicide that occurred on Tuesday, 3/8/2022, at approximately 7:45 p.m., in an apartment complex in the 1000 block of Four Seasons Road. Preliminary investigation suggests that the homicides were a result of a domestic violence incident in which the suspect, Lawrence D. Clemons III, had murdered his, biological 6 year old son, Matthias E. Clemons, and his spouse, Brittney C. Harmon. After murdering his son and spouse, Lawrence Clemons fatally shot himself.

Chief Jamal Simington said, "This is a worst case scenario of domestic violence. I am saddened by the loss of life in our community, and even more disheartened that our community lost a 6 year old child. Domestic violence is a serious issue in our community and the nation. As a community, we need to do our best to support victims and survivors of domestic violence, in any way we can. Additionally, this horrific incident has been very difficult for our telecommunicators, patrol officers, crime scene investigators and detectives to experience. I praise all involved, including the Bloomington Fire Department for their professionalism, resilience, and service. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the victims."

Simington continued, "If you are experiencing or know of someone experiencing domestic violence or domestic abuse, please reach out to your local police department or local domestic violence organization. You can learn more about our local domestic violence community resources by visiting <u>www.findhelp211.org</u>."

This incident is still under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office. Anyone with information should contact Detective Jeff Engle at 309-434-2371 or via email at <u>JEngle@cityblm.org</u> or contact Detective Tyrel Klein at 309-434-2366 or via email at <u>Tklein@cityblm.org</u>.

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If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at (309)-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

Homicide Victims Identified (Previously Released)

Bloomington, IL - McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder identified Tuesday's three shooting victims as:

Lawrence D. Clemons III, 35, of Houston, Texas. Lawrence was pronounced deceased on March 8th, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Lawrence died from a gunshot wound of the head. Toxicology testing is pending.

Matthias E. Clemons, 6, of Bloomington, Illinois. Matthias was pronounced deceased on March 8th, 2022 at the scene of the incident. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Matthias died from multiple gunshot wounds. Toxicology testing is pending.

Brittney C. Harmon, 32, of Bloomington, Illinois. Brittney was pronounced deceased on March 10, 2022 at 08:55 a.m. Autopsy is pending.

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Homicide Investigation (Previously Released)

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, 3/8/2022, at approximately 7:45 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to an apartment complex in the 1000 block of Four Seasons Road for a 911 call for service. Upon arrival, officers learned that three people had been shot inside one of the apartments.

Officers called for the Bloomington Fire Department to respond. A 35 year old adult male was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital with critical injuries consistent with a gunshot wound. At 8:30 p.m., he was later pronounced deceased by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

A 32 year old adult female was also transported by the Bloomington Fire Department to St. Joseph's Hospital with critical and life threatening injuries that were consistent with a gunshot wound.

A 6 year old child was fatally injured by gunfire and later pronounced deceased on scene by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Identification of the deceased will not be released until the next of kin is notified.

Preliminary investigation suggests that the homicide occurred during a domestic violence incident inside of the apartment, however, the circumstances regarding the homicide are still under

investigation.

Chief of Police Jamal Simington said, "I want to give my sincerest condolences to the family of those who were impacted by this tragedy. Our department is conducting a thorough and complete investigation. We also request that anyone with information to contact Detective Jeff Engle at 309-434-2371 or at JEngle@cityblm.org or contact Detective Tyrel Klein at 309-434-2366 or at Tklein@cityblm.org."

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