



# MEDIA RELEASE



Bloomington Police Department & McLean County Coroner's Office

For Immediate Release: September 24, 2023

## *Bloomington Homicide*

McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathy Yoder is releasing the following information regarding the incident near the 300 block of Kenmore, just east of the Southgate Estates Trailer Park, on September 23, 2023.

Pronounced deceased at 2259 on September 23, 2023, in the Emergency Department at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, was Nicholas M. Zapata, age 19, of Normal, Illinois. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Mr. Zapata died from multiple stab wounds of the chest. Toxicology testing is pending.

This incident remains under investigation by the McLean County Coroner's Office and the Bloomington Police Department. Anyone with information is asked to contact BPD Detectives Tyrel Klein at 309-434-2366 or Jordan Downing at 309-434-2587, reference 202313140.

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### *Previous Release*

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Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, September 23, 2023, at approximately 10:10 p.m., Bloomington Police Department officers responded to 300 block of Kenmore, just east of the Southgate Estates Trailer Park, for the report of a possible stabbing. Officers arrived in the area to find a 19-year-old male on the ground with life threatening injuries. The male was transported by Bloomington Fire Department to a local hospital. The male was pronounced deceased at the hospital by the McLean County Coroner's Office. The name of the victim is pending release by the McLean County Coroner's Office.

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At approximately 11:47 p.m., deputies from McLean County Sheriff's Office and officers from Bloomington Police Department responded to a rural address outside Heyworth, Illinois, where a 16-year-old male suspect was taken into custody without incident. The juvenile male was transported to the Bloomington Police Department for questioning and later taken to McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. Charges for the suspect will be released later.

At this time no additional information is being released. Anyone with information is asked to contact BPD Detectives Tyrel Klein at 309-434-2366 or Jordan Downing at 309-434-2587, reference 202313140.

Chief of Police, Jamal Simington advised, "We are glad to have reached a swift resolution in this case. The hard work of the Bloomington Police Officers, Detectives, and staff to bring justice to the victim and the victim's family is always the highest priority."

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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, you can also send anonymous tips via your smartphone by texting the number 847411 and the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information, or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto: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.

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