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Suspicious death investigation

Suspect arrested

Update 01/04/2024 | 2:55 p.m.

Correction: The date the victim was located by Salem Police officers was the morning of Monday, November 6, 2023 as published in the original media release on November 7, 2023.

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Update 01/04/2024 | 2:00 p.m.

A Salem resident has been arrested for his involvement in the death of a 15-year-old boy last fall.

On the morning of Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Salem Police responded to a report of an unconscious person inside a truck and determined the person had died from a gunshot wound. Within the week, the death investigation was classified as a homicide.

The 18-year-old suspect was arrested on Wednesday afternoon, January 3, 2024. The suspect was apprehended as he was walking in the area of Kinsington ST and Wickshire CT SE. As officers approached the suspect, he began to reach for an object in his waistband; however, a less-lethal munition was deployed by an officer which effectively resulted in the suspect's surrender. As the shooting suspect was taken into custody, a handgun was found on his person.

The suspect is charged with the crimes of second-degree murder and unlawful use of a weapon.

No further information is available for release at this time, including the name of the suspect.

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Salem, Ore. — A teenager was found dead Monday morning, November 6, and Salem Police detectives are investigating the incident as a suspicious death.

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At approximately 7:30.m. yesterday, Salem Police officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Evergreen AV NE on the report of an unconscious person inside a vehicle. Officers arrived to find a deceased, young man.

The individual has been identified as a 15-year-old Salem resident. Salem Police detectives are investigating the teen's death and working all available leads.

No other information about this active investigation is being released, including the name of the victim who is a minor.

At this time, the police department is requesting anyone who may have information concerning this case to please call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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