

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

August 11, 2009

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On August 10, 2009, at approximately 10:57 p.m., the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office received a call from 911, reporting a man with a knife. Deputy Kody Oliver reported to a residence on County Road 964 in the Kilpatrick area, where he encountered an unknown white male covered in blood. Deputy Oliver placed the man, identified as John Mark Cullom, Jr., 27, of Albertville, in protective custody until he could determine the situation. Crossville Assistant Police Chief Jacky Clayton arrived and assisted in securing the scene. Also arriving on the scene were DAS and Kilpatrick First Responders. Inside the residence, a young woman was found assaulted on the floor, also covered in blood. Coroner Tom Wilson examined the young woman, identified as Kristi Renee Wolf, 24, of Boaz, and pronounced her dead on the scene. It appeared that she had died of multiple contusions and stab wounds. The scene was then processed as a homicide.

It appears at this time that the events of last night were the culmination of an ongoing domestic situation that occurred over the course of several hours. Law enforcement officials in Marshall County are working with our office to determine if there was another crime scene involving this couple in Southern Marshall County that happened prior to the assault in Kilpatrick. The victim's body was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in Huntsville for an autopsy.

Cullom was transported to the DeKalb County Detention Center, where he remains on charges of Murder in the death of Kristi Renee Wolf. Investigation into the matter is continuing at this time, and all information gathered will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office for examination, to determine if further charges may be warranted.

