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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**July 23, 2023.**

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### **Murder in Marmet**

**Marmet, WV-** On Saturday, July 23, 2023, just after 11:00 p.m., officers with Marmet Police Department were dispatched to 8112 MacCorkle Avenue SE in Marmet to conduct a welfare check on a 52-year-old female. Marmet Police were called to the address after Charleston Police Department had been called to the Kanawha City Go Mart Truck Stop where a man was acting bizarre in the parking lot and requesting the police. Charleston Police Officers located the male, later identified as Chaddrick Neal Trent, 32-years-old of Marmet. He proceeded to inform officers that he stabbed at woman at the Marmet address. Mr. Trent was detained by officers until Marmet Police were able to check the residence.

Once Marmet officers arrived at the MacCorkle Avenue address, they located the victim, Irma Woody, the aunt of Mr. Trent, deceased within the living room area of the home. Marmet Police requested the assistance of Kanawha County Sheriff's Office, and Detectives with the Criminal Investigative Section were dispatched to the scene.

Lead investigator, Detective R.S. Alford (Kanawha County Sheriff's Office), said detectives were on scene for several hours Saturday night into Sunday morning processing the crime scene. They determined that Irma Woody had been stabbed multiple times, likely resulting in her death; however, her body will be investigated by the West Virginia State Medical Examiners Office where an official cause of death report will be generated after a full investigation. Woody was not a resident of the address, but occasionally stays there with another family member who owns the home and Mr. Trent who also resides there.

As part of the investigation, Detective Alford spoke with the initial responding Charleston Officer, Patrolman C. Champlin that spoke with Mr. Trent at Go Mart. Patrolman Champlin told



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Detective Alford that Trent made several statements regarding his aunt, Irma Woody and how “she was no longer with us” and he had stabbed her multiple times with a knife. Detective Alford did speak with the suspect, Chaddrick Trent who made statements of regret towards the incident and he advised that he would have been better off had he not smoked “so much” marijuana and had he been taking his medications. Detectives learned that Mr. Trent suffers from schizophrenia.

Mr. Chaddrick Trent was placed under arrest for one count of Murder in the First Degree, West Virginia State Code, §61-2-1; 61-2-2 which is a felony offense and if convicted and carries a life imprisonment sentence. Mr. Trent has been arraigned since his arrest and is currently being held at South Central Regional Jail with no bond. As always, Mr. Chaddrick Trent is innocent until proven guilty.

This is an active investigation and should additional information regarding the case become available we will release those statements at that time. Kanawha County Sheriff’s Office requests that anyone with any information about this case or surveillance video to please contact Detective Alford.

***Should you have any information regarding this case, please contact Detective R.S. Alford at Kanawha County Sheriff’s Office, 304-357-0885 or submit a “tip” at [www.kanawhasheriff.us](http://www.kanawhasheriff.us) under the “Tips” tab.***



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(Photo courtesy of South-Central Regional Jail).



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