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## **Juvenile Arrested in Ohio Homicide Case**

**Cross Lanes, WV-** On Friday, August 9, 2024, Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies were notified by authorities from Gallia County, Ohio that a juvenile suspect who was possibly involved in an overnight homicide was believed to be traveling to the Cross Lanes area of Kanawha County.

Deputies searched the Cross Lanes area and located a car parked outside of Motel 6 on Goff Mountain Road that matched the vehicle used by the juvenile. Deputies confirmed the suspect was seen exiting the car and entering a motel room at Motel 6.

Gallia County authorities provided Kanawha County Deputies with a Bench Warrant issued by the Court of Common Pleas, Gallia County, Ohio Juvenile Division which commanded the juvenile be taken into custody and brought before the court.

Deputies then called the suspect out of the motel room, and he was taken into custody without further incident. Authorities from Ohio have been working with KCSO, the Kanawha County Magistrate Court, and the Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to begin the extradition process which will return the juvenile to Gallia County.

Any questions regarding the homicide investigation should be directed to the Gallia County Sheriff's Office, Gallipolis, OH.

