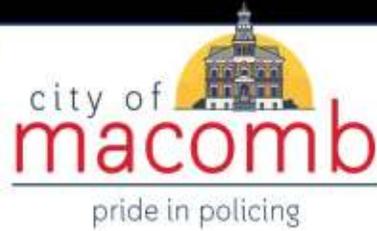


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## DEATH INVESTIGATION

MACOMB, IL- On Sunday, July 24, 2022 at approximately 1:49 am, Macomb Police Officers were dispatched to a radio call of a stabbing that occurred in the 100 block of N. Lafayette St. Upon arrival, officers were directed to the north side of the square where a male victim was lying on the ground. Officers immediately provided medical assistance to the individual, until Macomb Fire and Lifeguard Ambulance arrived on scene. The male was transported to the McDonough District Hospital by ambulance, where he was pronounced deceased at 2:15 am.

Macomb Officers immediately began dispersing crowds from an area establishment, with the assistance of the McDonough County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police and WIU- Office of Public Safety. Additional officers arrived and secured the scene for evidentiary purposes.

Macomb Officers learned that a second individual, later identified as Brandon Whiteman (Macomb) was taken to the McDonough District Hospital by private vehicle. Whiteman was reported to have superficial cuts, stemming from the incident.

Officers confirmed a physical altercation ensued on the downtown square at the time of the stabbing, and determined Whiteman was involved in the incident. The Investigations Division located additional evidence confirming Whiteman's involvement. Whiteman was detained at the hospital and taken into custody upon being released. Whiteman is currently lodged at the McDonough County Jail on the following charge:

-First Degree Murder, \$1,000,000 bond (10% to apply).

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The investigation is on-going and the Macomb Police Department will continue to thoroughly investigate this matter and request your patience and cooperation in advance. Please note that our hearts go out to the family of the deceased, and everyone directly impacted by this tragic incident. We ask that the

community respect the privacy of the family and witnesses involved and please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

\*Please follow the Macomb Police Department Website ([cityofmacomb.com/police-department](http://cityofmacomb.com/police-department)) and Macomb Police Facebook page ("Macomb Police Department") for any additional information and updates.

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