



Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office

News Release

Sheriff's Office Identifies Victim in Hornbrook Murder Case

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The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) has identified the victim in the Hornbrook-area murder case reported on Friday, June 2, 2017. The SCSO's Chief Deputy Coroner has identified the victim as Mr. David Ralph Casper, 60, of Hornbrook.

On Friday, June 2, 2017, at 1:46 a.m., the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) received a call from a citizen reporting a man had been shot at a residence in the 100 block of Wagon Road, in the Hornbrook area. Deputies responded and found a victim (Mr. Casper) at the scene injured and in medical distress. Emergency medical response personnel were summoned and the victim was treated but tragically, the victim could not be revived and he was pronounced dead at the scene. The SCSO's Major Crimes Unit (MCU) responded to the scene and conducted a comprehensive crime scene investigation. The MCU includes detectives and a forensic technician.

After the preliminary investigation at the scene by field deputies and MCU detectives, Mr. Martin Todd Linville, 49, of Hornbrook, was arrested for murder. Mr. Linville was transported to the Siskiyou County Jail in Yreka, where he was booked for murder charges. He is scheduled for arraignment this week in the Siskiyou County Superior Court.

In California, murder is defined as the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. First-degree murder includes the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought, with premeditation and deliberation.

According to Sheriff Jon Lopey, "An autopsy will be scheduled this week. On behalf of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the family, friends, and associates of the victim, Mr. Casper. This case is still under investigation and anyone with information about this case is urged to contact Detective Sergeant James Randall of the MCU at the 24-hour SCSO Dispatch Center at (530) 841-2900."

(Photo of Mr. Linville on the second page.)



Suspect – Mr. Martin Todd Linville