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Non-Investigative Informational Announcement

Case Number: 18-41286

Type of Incident: Murder 1st Degree

Date / Time of Incident: 10-26-2018 / 0225

Location of Incident: 401 S Yelm St

Do not release suspect name if they are a juvenile.

Suspect (Age) / City Residence: Lawrence Isaiah Groce (23 years old)

Suspect in Custody

Charges: Murder 1st Degree

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Summary of Incident / Details:

On 10-26-2018 at approximately 0225 hours, 18 year old Hunter Black was murdered inside his residence. The initial investigation showed this was a targeted home invasion robbery completed by multiple unknown suspects. Kennewick PD detectives have continued to investigate this case ever since and significant developments occurred over the last year. These developments led to detectives obtaining probable cause for the arrest of 23 year old Lawrence Isaiah Groce for the alleged crime of Murder in the 1st Degree. Groce is currently in custody at the King County Jail in Seattle, WA for an unrelated case and will eventually be transported to the Benton County Jail. This is still an active investigation with updated information to be released at a later time.

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If anyone has information about this incident, please call the non-emergency number at 509-628-0333 and reference the above case number. Anonymous tips can also be provided online at www.kpdtips.com.



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