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UPDATE: Suspects Arrested for Homicide in LCSO Death Investigation

Over the last 24 hours, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, with the help of the U.S. Marshals Service have arrested **Patrick M. Berrane** 21, and **Page B. Briggs** 33, for the murder of Hoyt Birge.

On the evening on May 8, 2017, Birge and his friend Peter went to a residence on Mission Road owned by **Page Briggs**. When they arrived at the residence they were allowed inside and began to speak with two females in the living room. At that point four male suspects all armed with various firearms exited a back room. Two of the males were identified as **Briggs** and **Patrick Berrane**. An altercation ensued and subsequently Birge and Peter were made to lie on the floor. While on the floor Birge was physically attacked. Birge reached for a rifle that was held by **Berrane** and the weapon discharged. Birge was placed in the trunk of a silver Toyota Camry owned by Peter's mother. **Berrane** and another suspect then told Peter to get in the car also. They drove to several locations including to a residence **Berrane** was possibly living at the time. They subsequently took Peter to his residence where he was instructed to get money and come back. When Peter went into his residence he was able to notify law enforcement of the situation.

Investigators have determined this was not a random act and are continuing to follow investigative leads. We are currently looking for other individuals that were involved.

If you have any information regarding this incident please contact the LCSO Violent Crime Unit at 850-606-3400



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ARRESTED



Patrick M. Berrane 21 – Homicide, Kidnapping, Robbery/Carjacking, Possession of a weapon during commission of a felony, False Imprisonment



Page B. Briggs 33 – Homicide, Aggravated battery w/ Deadly Weapon, False Imprisonment, Commission of a Crime wearing a bulletproof vest



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