



# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **LCSO Deputies Make Arrest in Death Investigation**

On March 30, 2021, at around 2 P.M., Leon County Sheriff's Office received a call for service regarding a deceased person located in a wooded area behind an Interstate 10 rest area. Initially, Florida Highway Patrol troopers responded and found a body in the wooded area behind the rest area located at mile marker 194 on eastbound Interstate 10. Troopers stood by until deputies arrived, and the investigation was turned over to the Leon County Sheriff's Office. LCSO Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Units were called in to assist.

During the investigation, LCSO detectives located the body of a deceased person with multiple stab wounds to their torso. A wrecked vehicle owned by the deceased person was also located near the body. Further into the investigation, detectives learned a black male was seen driving, wrecking, and walking away from that vehicle before law enforcement arrived. Later, responding FHP troopers and LCSO deputies located a subject, 27-year-old Papa-Assane Rue, walking around Commonwealth Boulevard and Capital Circle Northwest. Rue was identified as the subject seen driving the deceased's vehicle. Rue was taken into custody and escorted to LCSO offices for an interview.

As a result of this preliminary investigation, Rue was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.

This investigation is still open and active. In accordance with Marsy's Law, the deceased's information has been withheld by family request.

Sheriff Walt McNeil recognizes the effort and dedication from LCSO deputies and appreciates the assistance given by the Florida Highway Patrol and their continuing effort to support law enforcement in Leon County.



**ARRESTED:** Papa-Assane Rue

**DOB:** 11/22/1993

**CHARGES:** Destruction of Evidence

Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle

Petit Theft

Failure to Report Death



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