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### LCSO Detectives Make Arrest in New Year's Eve Homicide

On December 31, 2020, at around 8:00 P.M., deputies with the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to a residential area in the 9400 block of Old St. Augustine Road in reference to an adult white male suffering from stab wounds. Upon arrival, deputies discovered 56-year-old Matthew Williams who sustained several stab wounds and was pronounced dead on scene. Detectives with the LCSO Violent Crimes Unit responded to the location and assumed the investigation.

On January 1, 2021, deputies and detectives returned to the location of the homicide only to find the victim's residence had been burglarized and his vehicle was missing. Later that day, deputies located the victim's vehicle being driven southbound on Wakulla Springs Highway. After the vehicle sped away from a traffic stop, a short pursuit ensued. Eventually the vehicle travelled off the road, into the woods, and stalled out. The driver, 23-year-old Kaleb Sheffield, and a passenger were taken into custody. During this investigation, detectives learned Sheffield had been in an altercation with Williams at his residence, took Williams' truck, and attempted to discard a set of keys during the pursuit. Sheffield was arrested and charged with Grand Theft Motor Vehicle and other accompanying offenses and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility (LCDF).

Through investigative means, detectives were able to establish Sheffield as a suspect in the killing of Williams. Evidence gathered by LCSO Crime Scene Unit detectives further aided in detectives successfully obtaining an arrest warrant for Kaleb Sheffield for the murder of Matthew Williams.

Sheffield was served the arrest warrant while incarcerated in the LCDF.



**ARRESTED:** Kaleb Sheffield

**DOB:** 3/17/98

**CHARGES:** Homicide

Burglary

Grand Theft Motor Vehicle

Flee/Elude Police

Driving While License Suspended

Destruction of Evidence

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