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Press Release

Date: February 22, 2018

Case# 18-482

Location: 500 Block North Hathaway

Incident: Homicide Investigation



Suspect: Devonta Leonard

DOB:10/01/1997

Charges: 187 (a) PC

On Tuesday, February 21, 2018, at 0952 hours, Officers from the Banning Police Department were dispatched to a suspicious circumstances call in the 500 block of North Hathaway Street in the City of Banning. There were several reports of a possible dead body at the location. Once officer's arrived on scene, they located a deceased female inside the location. The name of the female is being withheld at this time until next of kin is notified. Banning Police Department's Detective Bureau was summoned to the location and assumed the investigation. During their investigation, Detective's learned that the deceased female was a victim of a homicide.

As the investigation continued, Detectives were able to identify Devonta Leonard, a 21 year old Beaumont resident, as a suspect in the case and was placed under arrest. Devonta Leonard was subsequently booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility for homicide.

The Banning Police Department is asking anyone who may have additional information in regards to this case to contact the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 849-1511.

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