

20-year-old Mt. Pleasant resident killed Saturday morning



Sun photo by Randi Shaffer An area of downtown Mt. Pleasant is blocked off following an early morning stabbing Saturday.

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A 20-year-old Mt. Pleasant resident is dead after an early morning stabbing downtown.

At 4:24 a.m., Mt. Pleasant police officers were dispatched to an apartment on the 100 block of South Main Street, according to a press release issued by Public Information Officer Jeff Browne.

At the scene, they found the victim, Tyrone Stanley, suffering from a knife wound.

Police said Stanley was transported to McLaren Central Michigan hospital in Mt. Pleasant, where he was pronounced dead.

The suspect, a 25-year-old male Mt. Pleasant resident, is in custody. He will be held at the Isabella County jail awaiting arraignment.

Thompson said police are not releasing the name of the suspect in custody at this point. However, multiple sources identified the suspect as Curtis Leachman.

Isabella County Jail records on Saturday indicated a Curtis Richard Leachman, age 25, was in the Isabella County Jail, pending charges of homicide/willful killing other weapon and intimidation.

Thompson said the suspect is expected to be arraigned Sunday.

The police statement gave no indication of a motive for the crime.

Following the stabbing, the row of buildings in the 100 block of South Main from Firstbank to Curtiss Pro Hardware downtown was blocked off. Several of those businesses were still open for Small Business Saturday despite the police tape blocking their front entrances.

Curtiss Pro Hardware owner Norm Curtiss said his business had not been affected by the crime.

Thompson said he did not know how long the caution tape would remain in front of the downtown businesses.

“Depending on how things go as they’re doing their investigation, (it) could be an hour, could be a day,” he said. “They don’t want to rush anything, they want to make sure they have everything in order and it’s done right.”

“This obviously does have a negative impact on business, however, it’s necessary for the police to be able to do their work so I don’t want to stand in their way,” Book Garden employee Lewis Krec said. “Their work comes first.”

The crime scene was processed by the Michigan State Crime Lab from Grayling. The Mt. Pleasant Police Department was assisted by the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department and the Isabella County Sheriff’s Department.

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