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Information Relating to the Double Homicide and Burglary in Alamance County

On Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 12:52 a.m., the Alamance County Sheriff's Office responded to 1051 Wyatt Road in Green Level, North Carolina, regarding multiple 911 calls reporting gunshots heard in the area. Upon arrival, officers identified evidence that a shooting had occurred with two individuals suffering from gunshot wounds inside the residence. Barney Dale Harris was pronounced dead at the scene, and Alonso Beltran Lara was transported to a local hospital, but later passed away from his injuries.

Alamance County Sheriff's Office detectives have worked around the clock processing the scene and gathering evidence, and they have determined that both deceased males were a part of separate criminal enterprises. Investigators believe that Mr. Harris and a team of people were at the residence to steal illegal narcotics and money. At some point that evening, there was a gun battle which resulted in the deaths of Mr. Harris and Mr. Lara.

During the course of the investigation, the Sheriff's Office has seized five firearms, approximately \$7,000 in cash, and 1.2 kilograms of suspected cocaine. Two vehicles that were involved in the incident were also found: one in Guilford County and one in Alamance County.

On Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 1:00 a.m., Steven Alexander Stewart, Jr., was arrested and charged with first degree burglary in relation to the Wyatt Road incident. On Monday, April 12, 2021, Mr. Stewart was charged with first degree murder and possession of a firearm by a felon. He is being held in the Alamance County Detention Center without bond and had a first appearance in court on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Juan Daniel Salinas Lara is wanted in reference to this case and has active warrants for trafficking in cocaine.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Alamance County Sheriff's Office at 336-570-6300 to speak with a member of the Criminal Investigation Division or report anonymously by calling Alamance County Crime Stoppers at 336-229-7100 or by downloading the mobile app, P3Tips.

This case is ongoing and additional charges are possible from the Alamance County Sheriff's Office to include others who were also involved.

Steven Alexander Stewart Jr.
Race / Sex / Age: Black / Male / 32

Address: 304 Old Lilevillve Road, Wadesboro, NC

Charges: First Degree Murder, First Degree Burglary, and Possession of Firearm by Felon

Bond: Held without Bond