

Murfreesboro Police Department

Media Release

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Shooting suspect arrested in connection to N. Rutherford Blvd. homicide

Murfreesboro, TN – Shooting suspect, James E. Evans, III, 28, of Murfreesboro, has been arrested for the fatal shooting of Woodbury resident Stephen Lopez, Jr. in Murfreesboro Thursday, April 9.

Evans was served with a warrant for second-degree murder Sunday, April 12 and taken to the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center.

Evans remains in jail on an \$85,000 bond.

A hearing is set in Rutherford County General Sessions Court to determine the source of his bond today, April 13.

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ATTACHMENT PHOTO: James E. Evans, III Mug shot

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April 10, 2020

MPD detectives investigating a fatal shooting

Murfreesboro, Tenn. – Murfreesboro Police Department (MPD) Criminal Investigations Division detectives are investigating the circumstances that lead to the shooting death of a Woodbury man in Murfreesboro Thursday evening, April 9.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1100 block of N. Rutherford Blvd. around 8:30 p.m. to reports of a shooting. Upon arrival they found the victim, Stephen R. Lopez, Jr., 30, deceased.

The suspect, James E. Evans, III, 27, was detained and subsequently taken for evaluation. He will be served with a warrant for second-degree murder.

Evans and Lopez were acquaintances.

The investigation is on-going.

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Attachment: Scene Photo