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PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

March 12, 2021

Portage County Sheriff's Office

We have received numerous calls regarding an incident that occurred at approximately 4:00PM this afternoon in Nelson Township on Knowlton Road. At this time, we are confirming one female 17 years of age deceased and one 18-year-old male has been taken into custody for questioning. Our crime scene investigation team is on scene handling the incident. We will release more information as it is made available through our investigation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Spidalieri".

Ralph Spidalieri

Chief Deputy

Portage County Sheriff's Office



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UPDATED NEWS RELEASE

March 13, 2021

Portage County Sheriff's Office

In follow up to yesterday's incident, 18 year-old-male Zachary David Blosser was charged with one count of Murder, a Felony of the first degree. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday March 15, 2021 and his case will be presented to the Portage County Grand Jury next Thursday. Our investigation continues and further charges may be sought. The victim is a 17-year-old female whose name will be held back at this time in respect of the family members and friends of the victim.

On behalf of Sheriff Zuchowski and the entire Portage County Sheriff's Office our hearts and prayers are with the family members and friends struggling through this difficult time.

Respectfully,

Ralph Spidalieri

Chief Deputy

Portage County Sheriff's Office



ZACHARY DAVID BLOSSER