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## ***Auburndale Police Department News Release***

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### **Auburndale Police Investigating a Homicide**

On November 26, 2021, at approximately 11:54 PM, the Auburndale Police Department responded to a call at the intersection of Lime Street and Charles Avenue regarding a person lying in the roadway. Upon arrival officers located the victim, 18 year-old Zachary Jordan-Lee Brown, unresponsive with two stab wounds.

The suspect, 14-year-old Jerome Zacarez, who resides in close proximity to where the incident occurred, ran home to phone for medical assistance for the victim. The suspect returned to the scene and was still on scene when officers arrived. The suspect was taken into custody.

The victim was transported to Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center and was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival. The incident is still an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Chris Wall at (863) 965-5555 or if you have information and would like to remain anonymous call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS(8477).

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