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UPDATE – Man charged in Father’s death

On Monday, January 21, 2019, 31-year-old Dane Mathew Steward was arraigned before the Honorable Derek Meinecke of the 44th District Court. Steward is charged with one (1) count of Murder – 1st Degree, a felony which carries a penalty of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Steward was denied bond and his next scheduled court date is set for February 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 44th District Court before Judge Meinecke. Steward does not have a criminal history; however, Steward is wanted out of Gratiot and Livingston Counties for his actions stemming from the assault on deputies and lengthy pursuit on January 17, 2019.



Dane Mathew Steward 12-3-1987

Man suspected in Father's death

A 31-year-old man is being held after his 73-year-old father was found deceased late Thursday evening in a home they both shared. On January 17, 2019 at 5:52 p.m., Royal Oak Officers were called to a home in the 3700 block of Elmhurst when relatives notified police they were concerned about their father after repeated phone calls to the father and the man's son went unanswered. Responding officers located the father deceased inside the house with his hands and legs bound.

Officers discovered the father's vehicle missing and attempted to locate it along with the man's son. As the investigation continued, officers learned a Berrien County deputy had contact with the son early Thursday morning because the vehicle had run out of gas on I-94 near the Indiana border. As a broadcast was sent to agencies throughout Michigan and neighboring states, Gratiot County deputies were called to investigate a subject acting erratically at a gas station Thursday evening.

Deputies identified the subject as the son and were alerted he was wanted in connection with a homicide investigation in Royal Oak. As the deputies began taking him into custody, he violently assaulted the deputies and fled in the vehicle, sparking an hour-long pursuit through several counties. Gratiot County deputies pursued the vehicle through Clinton, Ingham, and Livingston Counties while other deputies along the pursuit route deployed spike strips, which disabled all four tires of the vehicle.

The vehicle became completely disabled on I-96 in Livingston County near Howell where the son was taken into custody with the assistance of the Livingston County Sheriff deputies. No other injuries were reported during the pursuit and the son was taken to the hospital for evaluation of minor injuries.

The son remains in custody while Royal Oak Police Detectives continue to work the investigation. The father is believed to have passed earlier this week and an autopsy is scheduled for Friday to determine the cause of death.

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