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Press Release

On 8/22/2015, The Bates County Sheriff's Office received a call in regards of a subject being stabbed multiple times at a residence in Merwin, Missouri. Once on scene, Deputies entered the residence to find a male subject in the bedroom lying on the floor. The victim, identified as Charles Wells Keough 63 year old from Merwin, was deceased at the scene.

The suspect was identified by a witness and had left the residence in a Black S10 pickup truck. Approximately 30 minutes after the incident a Deputy observed the truck on County Road 9002 and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle fled from the Deputy into the city limits of Amsterdam. As other Deputies closed in on the suspect, he took the pursuit back onto the county roads. A Deputy used his patrol vehicle to force the suspect's vehicle into the ditch. The suspect was then taken into custody. The suspect was identified as, Harley Cameron Lumpkins 27 years old, from Peculiar Missouri.

Lumpkins was transported to the Bates County Sheriff's Office. On 8/23/15, the Bates County Prosecutor charged Lumpkins with 1st Degree Murder. Additional charges are expected to be filed later this week.

