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**News Release**

*For Immediate Release*

**Police Investigating Homicide**

The Springfield Police Department is currently investigating a homicide that occurred yesterday morning. Kristi L. Kimes, 47, of Springfield was found dead on the parking lot of the Taco Bell, located at 3511 W. Chestnut Expressway. The cause of death has been ruled as a homicide and the specifics regarding the fatal injury will be released by the Medical Examiner.

Detectives believe the victim and perpetrator had a past relationship. The investigation is continuing today. Police are asking anyone with information regarding the case to contact the Springfield Police Department at 417-864-1810.

SPD Case Number: 11-33564

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