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News Release

*For Immediate Release*

### **Homicide at 1460 N. Frisco**

At approximately 7:24 p.m. on Monday, December 16th, Springfield Police responded to 1460 North Frisco Avenue after receiving a report that a man had been stabbed at that location. When police arrived, they found a male lying unconscious on the ground in front of the house with apparent stab wounds. The victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later. The victim has been identified as Christopher E. Williams, 30, of Springfield. Mr. Williams' next of kin has been notified of his death.

Witnesses at the scene indicated that the suspect fled on foot before police officers arrived. A search was conducted, but the suspect was not immediately located. The witnesses stated the suspect was a black male named Michael. In the early morning hours of December 17th, Michael M. Speed, 28, of Springfield, was arrested and questioned at Springfield Police Headquarters. Later that morning, he was booked into the Greene County Jail on probable cause for Second Degree Murder.

An autopsy will be conducted on the body of Christopher Williams, and a final determination of the cause and manner of death will be made by the Medical Examiner's Office at a later time.

At the time of this release, Mr. Speed has not been charged in reference to this incident. The facts of the case will be presented to the Greene County Prosecutor's Office today. After reviewing that information, the Greene County Prosecutor's Office will make a decision on filing of criminal charges.

The charge described herein is merely an accusation and Mr. Speed is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

No other suspects are being sought at this time, and there is no indication of any threat or danger to others in the community.

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