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### **PRESS RELEASE UPDATE**

The victim has been identified as 23-year-old Katelyn Puckett from Lebanon, Ohio.

Suspect Elijah M. Thomas was taken into custody on a traffic stop in the City of Franklin at approximately 9:42am.

Elijah M. Thomas was transported to the Warren County Jail for housing, held without bond, pending his court date of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00pm.

The Franklin Police Department would like to thank Franklin Fire/EMS, Warren County Sheriff Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation, Carlisle Police Department, Springboro Police Department Monroe Police Department, and West Carrollton Police Department for their assistance during this Investigation.

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On June 17, 2023, at approximately 12:39am Franklin Police Officers were dispatched to 103 Boulder Dr. reference a shooting that just occurred.

Initial investigation revealed that Elijah M. Thomas fired multiple shots striking the victim, then fled on foot. Elijah is from Hamilton, Ohio; however, is possibly in the Lebanon area.

Franklin Fire/EMS attempted life saving measure on the victim; however, the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Elijah Thomas is a black male, 26 years old, described as approximately 5'08" 135lbs, last seen wearing all black clothing.

Charges for Murder and Felonious assault are being signed on Elijah Thomas. If he is seen, do not approach and call 911, Elijah should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with additional information about the incident at 103 Boulder Dr. is asked to call Detective Amanda Myers at 937-746-2882.

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