

Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Home Invasion Leads to Capture of Murder Suspect

Fayette County incident connected to string of Ohio crimes

FAYETTEVILLE, GA- The Fayette County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is providing an update on the recent incident involving a home invasion in north Fayette County.

On September 14, 2023, FCSO responded to a burglary in progress call. Deputies were dispatched to a Fayette County home regarding an active alarm and potential intruder. The homeowner was forced to defend his family by discharging a firearm, which resulted in injuries to the intruder. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office believes that Brooks acted alone, and this is an isolated incident.

A red Ford truck, believed to be the suspect's mode of transportation, was located outside the residence. The truck was reported stolen out of Ohio and displayed a different state's license plate. The homeowners confirmed that they did not know the male suspect. Additionally, it was discovered that the suspect had approached multiple houses in the neighborhood before targeting the residence in question.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect is Michael James Brooks II, age 28, of Columbus, Ohio. Brooks has an extensive criminal history. He is wanted in connection to the home invasion and fatal stabbing of Sarah FASTER, which occurred on September 9, 2023, in Columbus, Ohio. Brooks is also wanted in connection to the hijacking of a red Ford F-150 in Kettering, Ohio, which later linked him to the FCSO home invasion case.

Michael Brooks II is currently hospitalized for injuries sustained in the Fayette County home invasion and faces charges of home invasion, burglary, and theft by receiving in Georgia. Brooks has an arrest warrant, out of Ohio, for murder, which will be served on the 28-year-old once he is released from medical care.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and Crime Scene Unit have been actively involved in the ongoing investigation, diligently collecting information to establish a comprehensive understanding of the incident while working in collaboration with the Columbus Division of Police (Ohio) to gather additional information and evidence related to Brooks' criminal activities.

As the investigation remains ongoing, our staff remains dedicated to upholding the law and ensuring the safety of our community.