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News Release

04/17/2015

Sheriff Lavender reports that on 04/14/2015 at approximately 2:30 a.m. his office received an anonymous call reporting a disturbance at a residence in the 12000 block of Pleasant Valley Road.

Deputies arrived and found a 55 year old male that had been assaulted. The victim was taken by squad to Adena Regional Medical Center and later Flown to Grant Medical Center for his injuries.

Deputies started an investigation and arrested 23 year old Matthew Z. Smith and charged him with Felonious Assault and Aggravated Burglary. The investigation was turned over to the Ross County Sheriff's Office Detective Division.

Investigators received a call yesterday evening from Grant stating that the male had died while he was at the hospital.

The identity of the victim is known but at the time of this release notification had not been made to next of kin.

The victim's body is in the care and custody of the Franklin County Coroner's Office and an autopsy is expected to be conducted tomorrow.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing and no further details are available at this time.