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Bloomington Police Arrest Murder Suspect

The Bloomington Police Department is investigating a stabbing at an apartment complex on the south side of the City. One victim died as a result of the stabbing.

As a result of the investigation, one suspect was arrested.

John F. Bryant, 59, of Bloomington, was arrested and charged with Murder.

On May 16th, 2020, officers from the Bloomington Police Department responded to an address in the 1300 block of N Crescent Rd in reference to a missing person report. A 20 year-old man reported that he had not seen nor heard from his 50 year-old mother since she left their shared residence on May 6th to go to her boyfriend's apartment. The boyfriend was identified as John Bryant.

On May 18th at approximately 2:15 p.m., officers were called to Bryant's apartment in the 700 block of E Alpine Trail by a friend of the victim's son, as she had located the missing woman's vehicle parked nearby. She reported that when she knocked on Bryant's door to see if the missing woman was inside the apartment, he refused to allow her inside. Officers made contact with Bryant who eventually allowed officers inside to determine if the victim was there. As officers entered Bryant's apartment, they immediately noticed something on the living room floor that had been covered with blankets that appeared to

be the size of a human body. Officers removed the blankets and located a deceased female with multiple stab wounds on her back. Bryant was immediately detained and transported to the police department for an interview.

Due to the condition of the victim's body, it is believed that the victim had been deceased for several days. An autopsy was scheduled for the morning of May 19th. After interview, John Bryant was remanded to custody of the Monroe County Jail for the charge of Murder. No further information is available at this time.

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Under Indiana law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Attached is a booking photo for John Bryant.