



Morgantown Police Department

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“Homicide Arrest”

At approximately 6:20 pm, on December 15, 2015, Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to a reported fall resulting in injuries at Kirk Street near University Avenue. When officers arrived on scene they found the victim lying on the ground with various visible injuries. Emergency Medical personnel transported the victim to Ruby Memorial Hospital for treatment.

During the investigation and questioning of witnesses in the area, the officers discovered that the victim had been involved in an altercation and was punched in the face and head numerous times. A description of the suspect was provided to the officers along with a name of “L.A.”

The victim was identified as Brian McGRAW, 35 years of age of Eastover South Carolina. McGRAW later died of his injuries.

Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to the scene and were able to identify the suspect as Darrell BURFORD, 45 years of age of University Avenue Morgantown. BURFORD was taken into custody and currently charged with Second Degree Murder as a result of the death of McGRAW. BURFORD is currently in custody pending arraignment.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston
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