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**Arrest Made in Edward Varejcka Homicide**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Lincoln Police investigators arrested 18-year-old Victor Melendez, III for Aiding and Abetting Murder. Our agency is keeping Edward Varejcka's family and friends in our thoughts during this difficult time. We ask the public to respect the family's privacy as they continue to grieve his death.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, shortly after 3:30 a.m., the Lincoln Police Department and Lincoln Fire and Rescue were sent to a residence in the 2200 block of Orchard Street on a report of a stabbing. Edward Varejcka, 36 years old, was stabbed several times and died.

Through witness statements, investigators learned that at least three individuals entered Edward's apartment and a physical fight ensued. One of the intruders produced a knife and stabbed Edward several times in the torso. As crime scene investigators processed the scene, they located a knife in the immediate area that is believed have been used to stab him.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Krysean Reynolds and Makayla Fell were arrested for Accessory to a Felony for their involvement.

Further investigation revealed that Melendez was also present during the homicide. Investigators learned he stood at the door while the stabbing occurred in order to alert his associates of a police response.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, at approximately 6:25 p.m., Melendez was arrested for Aiding and Abetting Murder.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is encouraged to call Lincoln Police at 402-441-6000 or Lincoln Crimestoppers at 402-475-3600.

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