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Arrest Made in Michael Whitemaggie Homicide

On May 27th, 2020, Ryan Long, a 30-year-old Lincoln man, was arrested in Jacksonville Beach, Florida on a warrant issued by the Lincoln Police Department for 1st Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony for the homicide of Michael Whitemaggie. Our agency is working with Michael's family and are keeping them 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 May 23rd, 2020, at 4:23 a.m. Lincoln Police officers were called on the report of a shooting in the area of 32nd and 'S' Streets. Officers arrived and found Michael in the alley with multiple gunshot wounds. Despite life-saving efforts by friends of the deceased, personnel from the Lincoln Police Department, and Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Michael succumbed to his injuries.

Crime scene investigators collected forensic and digital evidence from the scene. Investigators conducted numerous interviews with witnesses and are working to establish a timeline of events. Investigators served multiple search warrants for vehicles and properties related to the homicide. Digital devices and telecommunication records are being analyzed. Based on the evidence, investigators determined Ryan Long was responsible for the murder of Michael and obtained an arrest warrant for Long on May 24th, 2020. The Lincoln Police Department worked with multiple agencies to search for and apprehend Long.

On May 27th, 2020, Jacksonville Beach, Florida police stopped a vehicle for a seatbelt violation. Long was identified as a passenger and taken into custody without incident. Police located a stolen 9mm handgun in the vehicle. The weapon was collected as evidence and is being analyzed. Lincoln Police is working with Florida law enforcement to coordinate extraditing Long back to Lincoln.

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