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Media Release

Incident: UPDATE: Homicide Victim Died From Gunshot
Location: Audrain County Road 997/Grassland School Road
Date & time: 7/6/17 @ 1420 hours
Case Number: N/A

Details:

The body of a man found alongside a road in rural Audrain County yesterday (7/6/17) died as the result of a gunshot wound, according to preliminary autopsy results from the Boone County Medical Examiner.

The Mid-Missouri Major Case Squad continues to investigate the homicide of 30-year-old Leon Wilder III of Columbia who was located by a passerby along Audrain County Road 997 north of Grassland School Road in the Centralia area.

Medical personnel and law enforcement officers responded to the scene at 2:20 p.m. The site is close to the Boone/Audrain County line and near the Centralia Battlefield.

A reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest in this case. Anyone with information about this homicide is urged to contact CrimeStoppers at (573) 875-TIPS. All calls are held in strict confidence and anonymity is guaranteed.

Release date & time: 7/7/17 @ 1605 hours
Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan, #5040