

Lynchburg Police Department Information for the Ravenwood neighborhood area.

Crime, particularly violent crime, makes us fearful especially when one of our neighbors is the victim. We at the Lynchburg Police Department want to assure you we are cognizant of your safety concerns and are working tirelessly to find the person or persons responsible for the tragic incident on Ravenwood Dr. In the mean time we would provide you with the following simple crime prevention tips:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and remain alert to any safety and security threats.
- Keep the doors of your home and auto locked.
- Home lighting is an important deterrent to crime.
- Look out for your neighbors and their safety and security.
- If you see or hear something that causes you concern call 9-1-1 for an officer to be dispatched to check the situation.

Even during the holidays there is a full staffing of officers working, ready to assist you when needed. Patrol officers have been given the Ravenwood neighborhood and area as a priority for directing their prevention patrols when police calls for service allow. But don't wait for the officer to patrol the neighborhood, call at any time you have a concern and want an officer to check on the circumstances.

Our investigation of this heinous crime is moving forward and we fully expect to make an arrest. The investigation details have not been shared fully to allow things to develop without compromising efforts to hold the person or persons responsible or compromise any future court proceedings. Once we are able to share more information we will do so through our normal channels.

If you have questions, please contact the Police Information Desk at 455-6041 (you can reach an officer by dialing "0") at any time of the day or our Crime Prevention Unit at 455-6070 during regular business hours. Our Facebook page and Twitter page will have information as it comes available. We will make every effort to share information through our Neighborhood Watch contact person. The full press release provided the media has been provided for your review as well. If you have information about the crime you can contact the Lynchburg Police Department Criminal Investigations Division through Crime Stoppers or by calling 455-6054.

LYNCHBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

December 21st 2012 Homicide Investigation

On Thursday December 20th 2012 Lynchburg Police Officers responded to 2927 Ravenwood Drive to check on the welfare of the resident who had not been seen since Wednesday. Police Officers entered the residence to check on the welfare of the homeowner. Upon entering the house, Police Officers found the homeowner who was deceased. Upon the discovery, Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene due to the suspicious nature surrounding the resident's death. An investigation was immediately initiated into the circumstances of the resident's death. The resident was identified as Lynda Yeatts Slocum an 86 year old female. Mrs. Slocum's body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Roanoke, VA for an autopsy.

The investigation has now become a homicide investigation due to the preliminary findings in the examination of Mrs. Slocum's body. Upon examination of the crime scene it appears that forced entry was made into the residence.

The investigation is ongoing and no suspects have been identified at this time. Detectives ask that if anyone has seen any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area of the 2900 block of Ravenwood Drive on 12/19/12 to contact the Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

Anyone with information regarding this crime or the identity of the suspect(s) is asked to the Lynchburg Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at 434-455-6054 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-798-5900. Visit the Central Virginia Crime Stoppers website at www.cvcrimestoppers.org to enter a web tip, or text "CVCS plus your message" to 274637.



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