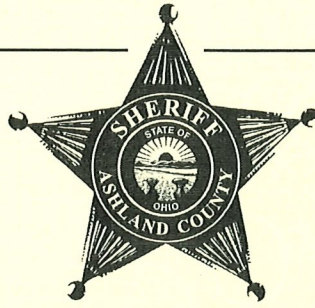

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Press Release

Jan 28, 2023

On Friday, January 27, 2023, at 3:38 p.m. the Ashland County Sheriff's Office received a call from a female requesting we search a vacant house for a missing male. The male had been reported missing to the Ashland Police Department (APD) that morning. Deputies were able to enter the house and conduct a search. A deceased male was located on the 2nd floor of the master bedroom. At this time, detectives from the Ashland County Sheriff's Office and Ashland Police Department were called to the scene. It had been determined that the male had been deceased for some time.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) and the Ashland County Coroner were called and arrived on scene. After an investigation, the male was identified as Kurtis Harstine, age 41 of Ashland and revealed that the male had been shot with a weapon.

The deceased male was taken to Lucas County to have an autopsy completed.

Sheriff's Detectives and APD Detectives worked together on this case throughout the evening.

This is an ongoing investigation and further information will be released upon completion of the investigation.

Chief Deputy David Blake