



Monroe County Tennessee SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Official Release:

After the recent release regarding a murder that had taken place on the Cherohala Skyway in Tellico Plains in the evening hours of October 18, 2024, the victim has been identified. The victim was identified as Steven Douglas Lloyd, 34, of Knoxville, Tennessee. The family of Mr. Steven Lloyd have been located and notified. The suspect, Nicholas Wayne Hamlett, remains wanted for the murder of Mr. Steven Lloyd and is still at large.

While speaking with the family of Steven, we learned that Steven was a foster child that had been adopted by a great loving family. Steven suffered from trust issues and had been diagnosed with a mental health disorder known as Reactive Attachment Disorder.

Steven was known to leave home and live on the streets, but kept in contact with his family. Steven's mental health issues had lead to his living arrangements and his family continued to support and love him. Steven loved the outdoors and was so helpful when it came to others. The family was shocked to learn that their beloved son's life had been taken by someone that Steven trusted.

Nicholas Wayne Hamlett met Steven, befriended him, and lured him into a wooded area to take Steven's life and his identity.

We ask that you continue to share Nicholas Wayne Hamlett's wanted poster and help bring him to justice.

Our prayers are with Steven Lloyd's family and friends and we ask that the public keep them in their prayers during this time of mourning.

Sheriff Tommy J. Jones, II

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