



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

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Details/Summary:

In October 2026, the Fort Wayne Police Department responded to a death investigation involving a 14-year-old juvenile from Fort Wayne. After a thorough criminal investigation, the Homicide Unit identified a suspect who contributed to the juvenile's death. Investigators identified him as an adult male residing in Germany and collaborated with federal partners at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and authorities in Germany.

As a result of this collaborative effort, German authorities in Hamburg arrested an adult male for a criminal offense related to the juvenile's death.

The Fort Wayne Police Department thanks the FBI and German authorities for their assistance in this investigation.

The Fort Wayne Police Department wants to remind parents, guardians, educators, and young people about violent online networks that target and exploit children and other vulnerable individuals. Report suspected criminal activity to law enforcement.

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