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### PRESS RELEASE

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Quincy, CA - On May 27, 2023, at approximately 6:56 a.m., the Plumas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Dispatch received a distress call from a female resident in the 600 block of Edwards Ave, reporting that a male subject had started a fire in her home. PCSO immediately dispatched emergency personnel to the scene.

Upon arrival, responding personnel discovered that a male subject had been stabbed. Through the investigation it was revealed that the male subject had succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased after being transported to the hospital. The suspect in this case was identified as Owen Magers, 38 years-old, of Quincy. Subsequently, Mr. Magers was apprehended and taken into custody. PCSO would like to let the public know there is no outstanding threat.

PCSO is currently conducting a thorough investigation into this incident. To ensure a comprehensive examination of the crime scene, the California Department of Justice was requested, and is on scene assisting with processing the area.

The fire was quickly contained and did not spread to any other area due to the quick response from the Quincy Fire Department.

The victim has been identified as James R. Cross, 71 years-old, of Quincy.

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office would like to express its gratitude to the following agencies for their swift response and invaluable assistance: Plumas District Hospital, Quincy Fire Department, Meadow Valley Fire Department, Plumas County District Attorney's Office, California DOJ, and the California Highway Patrol. Their cooperation and professionalism have been instrumental in managing this complex situation.

Sheriff Todd Johns stated, "We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the victim during this tragic and difficult time. The PCSO is committed to conducting a thorough investigation to bring justice to the victim and ensure the safety and well-being of our community."

As this is an active investigation, further details cannot be provided at this time. PCSO will continue to work diligently to gather all pertinent information and update the public as soon as additional facts become available.

The attached photo of Magers was taken in 2022, we currently do not have a newer one available.

Anyone with information relating to this incident is urged to contact the Plumas County Sheriff's Office at (530) 283-6300. Callers may remain anonymous.



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