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Homicide on Holly Springs Road

(Paulding County, GA) On January 20, 2017 at approximately 4:17 am a 911 call was placed to Paulding E-911 reference a possible shooting on Holly Springs Road. When Deputies arrived they discovered a white male that was deceased in a ditch as a result of a gunshot wound. Detectives were able to determine that the male victim was riding a motorcycle at the time he was shot. The incident took place in the area of 1680 Holly Springs Road Rockmart, GA which is within Paulding County. Since the family has been notified, we can release that the victim in this case is Ronald Chadwick Morgan, W/M, 31 YOA. We can also confirm that Morgan was a resident of Paulding County and lived in the area of the incident.

At this time, Detectives believe that the victim was targeted and that there is not a person or group of persons targeting unknowing victims in western Paulding County. Detectives want to encourage anyone who may have been in the area this morning, or anyone who may know anything about this incident, to call the Criminal Investigations Division of the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office at (770) 443-3015.