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For Immediate Release

At approximately 9:33 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, the Emmaus Police Department was dispatched to a disturbance at 424 Chestnut St. Upon arrival, police found the victim, Cooper Wertman, inside.

While enroute to 424 Chestnut St., another officer located Steven Dreisbach near 424 Chestnut St. Dreisbach identified himself to the officer as being involved in the incident and stated that he had killed someone.

Emmaus emergency medical personnel transported Cooper Wertman to Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township, where he was pronounced dead.

Dreisbach was arrested and charged with criminal homicide. He was arraigned in the Lehigh County Central Booking Center and was committed to Lehigh County Jail.

The Lehigh County Coroner's Office has scheduled an autopsy on Cooper Wertman for 10:00 am this morning.

The Emmaus Police Department was assisted by the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, the Lehigh County Homicide Task Force, Salisbury Township Police Department and Pennsylvania State Police.

The investigation is ongoing. No further information will be released at this time.

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