

Failed robbery attempt turns deadly

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Ronald Lee Chastain Jr., 36, was found dead in a home on Old State Road 56 (near Salem), Dec. 8, the victim of an apparent robbery attempt gone bad.

According to a press release by the Indiana State Police, the incident happened at approximately 9:14 p.m. and when officers arrived on the scene they discovered Chastain's body.

Wave3.com reported Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 9) that state police told them the altercation was the result of an apparent robbery.

During the investigation officers also discovered that another white male, 5'10" to 6' tall, wearing what appeared to be a black and white colored homemade mask on his face fled the home during the altercation.

Police are still looking for the second subject and although it is unknown if he is armed, he should be considered dangerous.

Anyone seeing a person matching the description of this second individual should dial 911 immediately and give the location where he was last seen.

The homeowner, whose name was not released, sustained minor injuries during the altercation.

According to the Wave3.com report, the homeowner told investigators that a man knocked on the door asking to use the phone. As that man came inside, the report said, another man wearing a mask entered and the homeowner retrieved a gun and shot the first man.

Washington County Coroner Rondale Brishaber said the time of Chastain's death was not known.

He said the agency that reported the death was the Washington County Sheriff's Department and his office certified Chastain's death certificate.

The Indiana State Police has ordered an autopsy, which was performed in the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's office in Louisville Wednesday.

Brishaber said the death has been ruled a homicide and the cause of death is a gun shot wound.

The case is still being investigated by the Washington County Coroner's Office, the Washington County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police.