



# Allen County Coroner

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of death of Deborah Kay Schwartz, female white 8 years of age, from Grabill, Indiana. Deborah Kay Schwartz was found suffering from a gunshot wound to the head and was transported from the scene to a local hospital where she was admitted. Deborah Kay Schwartz remained in the hospital until death was pronounced. The family was notified of the death and no autopsy was performed.

The Cause of Death is Gunshot Wound of the Head and the Manner of Death is Homicide.

This remains under investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department, the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

Deborah Kay Schwartz is the 1<sup>st</sup> Homicide in Allen County for 2018.

The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the death of James Javar Rogers, male black 33 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. On January 7, 2018 Fort Wayne Fire Department was dispatched to a home in the 7600 block of Ensign Court. James Javar Rogers was found down inside the residence and transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The family was notified of the death and an autopsy has been performed.

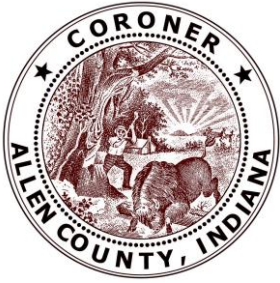
The Cause of Death is Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Burns, the manner is Accident.

This incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Fire Department and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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On January 7, 2018 the Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the death of Shacarra Lashae Houge, female black 23 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Shacarra Lasae Houge was at work in the 500 block of Sumter Drive, when she was involved in an industrial accident. Emergency services were dispatched to the scene and Shacarra Lashae Houge was pronounced deceased at the scene.

An autopsy has been completed and the Cause of Death has been determined to be Multiple Crush Force Injuries due to Industrial Press Accident with the Manner of Death being Accident.

This remains under investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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