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On December 18, 2021 at about 0140 hours the Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of a death investigation, where the decedent was brought to the Lutheran Downtown Hospital, by private conveyance and was admitted into the ER. Lifesaving measures were unsuccessful and death was pronounced by the treating physician. The decedent was brought into the hospital by his mother and her spouse.

The decedent has been identified as Elijah Thomas Ross, Male Black 9 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Fort Wayne Police Department was also contacted and responded to the Lutheran Downtown Hospital. The next of kin was notified of the death.

An autopsy was ordered and completed. There were multiple blunt force injuries noted to the decedent, but the Cause and Manner of Death are listed as Pending. Further investigation and testing are being completed by the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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