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UPDATE
Murder Indictment
2023-01147

Schertz, TX (10/6/2025) – On May 26, 2023, officers with the Schertz Police Department responded to the Palmera Apartments, located at 501 FM 3009 in Schertz, Guadalupe County, Texas, to conduct a welfare check on a female resident. Upon arrival, officers located Lisa Sipes, 39, of Schertz, deceased inside her residence. Due to the suspicious nature of the scene, an investigation was initiated. As the investigation progressed, it was determined that the death of Lisa Sipes was suspicious. A person of interest was quickly identified and as previously noted, Aaron James Declouette (presently 62 years old) was arrested on June 28, 2024, on a warrant for Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence.

On October 2, 2025, the Guadalupe County Attorney's Office presented the case to a grand jury. The grand jury returned an indictment against Aaron Declouette for the charges of Murder, a first-degree felony and Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence a third-degree felony. A warrant for his arrest was immediately issued. On October 6, 2025, Schertz Police Investigators traveled to Corpus Christi while working with the Corpus Christi Police Department Gang Unit and they were able to locate and apprehend Aaron Declouette without incident. Declouette was arraigned and is being transported back to the Guadalupe County Jail by Schertz PD investigators. Bond for the charges has been set at \$1,000,000.00.

Police Chief Jim Lowery stated, "The Schertz Police Department wishes to thank all our law enforcement partners and agencies involved in bringing this case closer to closure. We hope this arrest will aid and allow the family and friends of Lisa Sipes to move forward in their healing process in her tragic death. I would also like to recognize the exemplary work of our investigative team as this investigation was complex and compounded by the suspect tampering with the crime scene. However, their tenacity, due diligence and can-do attitude personify their competence for the law enforcement profession." This case remains under active investigation, and anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Schertz Police Department at 210-619-1200.



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Tampering With or Fabricating Physical Evidence SZPD-2023-01147

Schertz, TX (6/28/2024) – On May 26, 2023, at approximately 10:00 P.M. Schertz Police Department responded to a call for a deceased party, identified as Lisa Sipes, 42 years old, at the Palmera Apartments located in the 500 block of FM 3009. It was determined the death occurred under suspicious circumstances.

After a yearlong investigation, on June 28, 2024, Aaron James Declouette, 61 years old, of San Antonio, was arrested on a warrant for Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence, a State Jail Felony. He was transported to the Guadalupe County Jail and booked in without incident.

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