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Ocean Springs man, 26, murdered in Holmes County

**Staff Report**

26-year-old Kyle Craig of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, was found shot to death on Long Branch Road near a truck stop at the West exit. According to the Sheriff's Department and the family of the victim, Craig traveled from Ocean Springs to Holmes County on Tuesday, June 1 to meet a seller with whom he had contact through Facebook Marketplace to purchase an ATV.

Video surveillance from the truck stop shows Craig purchasing a snack at about 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday night. After he exited the store, he left in his truck and an attached trailer at about 10:10 p.m. The video also shows the same vehicle driving by the truck stop and exiting south on Highway 55 at 10:40 p.m. Authorities believe that the murder occurred between the time of 10:10 p.m. and 10:40 p.m. on Tuesday night.

Early Wednesday morning, after not being able to contact Craig, the family checked their Life 360 phone app and pinpointed his location to an area not far from where he was originally spotted at the truck stop the night before. The family immediately contacted the Sheriff's Department to share Craig's location. In addition, the family decided to come to Holmes County to help search for their son.

On the way to search for Craig on Wednesday morning, the Sheriff's Department found the trailer near Exit 144 that had been originally attached to the victim's truck. The trailer had several bullet holes.

The Sheriff's Department states that they drove by Long Branch Road several times and did not locate the body. However, later when the family and the Sheriff's Department arrived at the pinpointed area from the Life 360 app, they shortly spotted the body with multiple gunshot wounds on the side of the road behind a tree. The Sheriff's Department authorities and the family believe that the victim was lured to this specific location where he was robbed and shot to death. The father stated that he had a large sum of money on him that was to be used for the purchase.

A couple days after Craig's body was found, the Sheriff's Department located the victim's truck, just about a mile and a half from where they had previously located the trailer.

While speaking to Craig's father about the incident, he stated that his son was a hard worker who was trying to make a living to support his family. He also said that everyone loved him, not only because he had a great personality but also because he was very giving and would always help anyone in need.

The Sheriff's Department has made one arrest in the murder, Darius Erving, who remains in custody at this time. They are also looking for a second alleged suspect, Montavious Landfair, from the Goodman area. Authorities believe that he is now on the run. The sheriff also states that there may be other individuals involved who could be charged as accessories.

The FBI and other state and federal authorities are also investigating the crime.

Sheriff Willie March states that if anyone has any information about the whereabouts of Landfair, to contact the Sheriff's Department at 662-834-1511 or Crime Stoppers at 662-834-0099.



KYLE CRAIG

Mississippi State and Ole Miss win District Baseball Series

Schedule revealed for Super Regionals, where Ole Miss and MSU seek spot in College World Series



By Jacob Gallant (WLBT)

- The Super Regional schedules for Starkville and Tuscon are set in place for Ole Miss and Mississippi State's attempts to advance to Omaha and the College World Series.

Mississippi State is hosting Notre Dame over the weekend. The action kicks off Saturday afternoon and will extend to Monday, if necessary.

\* Saturday at 1 p.m.

\* Sunday at 5 p.m.

\* Monday at 6 p.m. (if necessary)

The Bulldogs are hosting the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish after sweeping the Starkville Regional.

It's the fifth straight trip to the Super Regional round for Mississippi State, while Notre Dame advanced for the first time since 2002.

Meanwhile, Ole Miss is heading to the desert to play Arizona. That series kicks off Friday night.

\* Friday at 6 p.m.

\* Saturday at 7 p.m.

\* Sunday at 6 p.m. (if necessary)

The Rebels advanced to the Super Regionals by overpowering Southern Miss in a winner-take-all battle Monday.

Arizona swept their way to the supers in the Tuscon regional.

Each winning team will advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning June 19.

Neither Mississippi State

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