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Media Release

Date/Time of Release: 03/15/2022 1330 Hrs

Date of Incident Occurrence: 03/15/2022 0140 Hrs

Nature of Event: Shots Fired - Death

Location of Event Occurrence: 45 Perrine St.

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On March 15, 2022 at approximately 1:40 am the Auburn Police Department was called to the area of Swifty's Restaurant, 45 Perrine St., for the report of shots fired. Upon arrival a 30's male was located lying outside the bar. The male was found to be deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

After notification of the next of kin the deceased male has been positively identified as John Wesley Smith III.

Information was developed that various individuals that were involved and/or might have knowledge in regards to the incident fled the scene prior to police arrival. The investigation is ongoing and the Auburn Police Dept. is requesting anyone with additional information to include anyone that was at the bar during the shooting incident to contact lead Detective DeRosa at (315)255-4706 or email sderosa@auburnny.gov or any APD Detective or the APD main phone# (315)253-3231 or email communitywatch@auburnny.gov . Callers are reminded that they can remain anonymous.