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On Wednesday, September 23, 2026, the Union Public Safety Department responded to 118 Chambers Ave. for a call of an unresponsive 17-year-old female found by her mother at the apartment. Officers arrived and went inside and found a female lying face down and had blood on her body.

Union County EMS arrived and checked the female who had no signs of life. EMS advised dispatch to have the Union County Coroner respond. The Union County Coroner, along with UPSD criminal investigators, responded to the scene and the female was pronounced deceased by the coroner.

The Union Public Safety Department contacted the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Child Fatality Unit and Crime Scene Unit for assistance with the investigation.

After an extensive investigation, by the Union Public Safety Department, SLED's Child Fatality Unit, and the Union County Coroner's Office, it was concluded this incident was a homicide. Through the investigation and assistance from the Union County Solicitor's Office an arrest warrant was issued for Dedrick Hay for Murder. Mr. Hay has been arrested and transported to the Union County Jail by the Union Public Safety Department.

A photo of the suspect can be obtained by contacting the Union County Jail.

The name of the victim is not being released due to them being a juvenile.

This is still an active ongoing investigation.

No further details are available at this time.