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For Immediate Release

Johnson County Sheriff's Office Investigates Death in Lone Tree

July 14, 2026 (JOHNSON COUNTY, IA) On July 13, 2026, at 7:59 p.m., the Johnson County Sheriff's Office responded to a welfare check at 217 W. Elm St. in Lone Tree. Upon arrival, deputies located a deceased male in the residence, and a death investigation ensued. During the course of the investigation, the suspect, Scott Christopher Powers, 52, was located in Cedar Rapids and taken into custody by the Cedar Rapids Police Department. Powers was later turned over to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and is currently at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for medical treatment. The victim has been identified as Scott Powers' father, Richard Powers, 76, of Lone Tree.

Richard Powers was pronounced deceased at the scene and later taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for an autopsy. Scott Powers is charged with Murder in the First Degree, in violation of Iowa Code 707.2(1)(A) and is awaiting his initial court appearance.

The case remains under investigation by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. The Iowa City Police Department, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Cedar Rapids Police Department, and the Johnson County Medical Examiner provided assistance with this investigation.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty. No further information is available at this time.

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**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
JOHNSON COUNTY**

Tl's Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- ☒ Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
☐ Submitted to County Attorney
☐ Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Form Number: **J26000739**

Arrest Date: **07/14/2026**

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last POWERS		First SCOTT		Middle CHRISTOPHER	Suffix
Address 217 W ELM STREET			City LONE TREE	State IA	Zip Code 52755
DL# [REDACTED]	State IA	DL Class 0	DL Endorsements	DL Restrictions	
Date of Birth 07/08/1974	Gender MALE	Race WHITE - W	Ethnicity NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N		
Height 5' 10"	Weight 175 LBS	Eye Color BLUE - BLU	Hair Color		

OFFENSE

State ☒	County ☐	Local ☐	Code Section 707.2(1)(A)	Crime Description MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE	Speed	in	Zone
Class FELA			Serious P.I. ☐	Fatal Accident ☐	Civil Damage Assessment ☐	Other ☐	
Location Type 20 - RESIDENCE/HOME							
Literal Description ELM ST							
Address 217 W ELM ST				City LONE TREE	State IA	Zip Code 52755	
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? NO		Incident Date or Low Range 07/13/2026		Upper Date Range 07/13/2026	Incident Time or Low Range 16:00	Upper Time Range 19:00	

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

☒ TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY 1 - JAILED	☐ SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
☐ WARRANT REQUESTED	☐ NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	☐ RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did having malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill R.P.

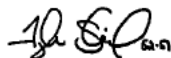
AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, JOHNSON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

On the above date, the JCSO was requested to conduct a welfare check of an individual at 217 W. Elm Street in Lone Tree, the residence of the Defendant's father and the Defendant. It was reported that the Defendant had shown up at a residence in Cedar Rapids with blood on him, and that he told people at that residence that his dad was dead. When one of the persons present asked the Defendant if he had been in a motorcycle wreck, the def told her, "No. I killed Dad." JCSO personnel located the Defendant's father deceased in a bedroom of the residence at 217 W Elm St, Lone Tree. The decedent had injuries consistent with what the Defendant described doing to his father. Law enforcement personnel learned from a witness that the Defendant had told another family member that he was going to kill his father.



SCHNEIDER, TYLER 5251

Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant Implicated

03 - ADMISSION/STATEMENTS, 07 - IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 14 - OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Operating Motor Vehicle in County

Other Physical Evidence

Attempted To Inflict Injury

BLOOD

STATE OF IOWA,

JOHNSON COUNTY



Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 07/14/2026

Notary Name

ALISSA SCHUERER

Signature of Verifying Party

Commission Number

Alissa Schuerer

My Commission Expires



Peace Officer



Notary



Prosecuting Attorney