

Police catch suspect in death of Luther man

Man arrested in the Detroit area Friday

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BALDWIN - About a week after the body of Paul Radak was found by Lake County Sheriff's Deputies, a suspect is now in custody.

Erick Bronson Treter was arrested early Friday morning in the Detroit area for his alleged connection with the death of Radak. The body of the 68-year-old Luther man was discovered in his home shortly after deputies went to check on his wellbeing at 10 p.m. Feb. 28.

An autopsy on Feb. 29 revealed Radak was a victim of homicide, police said.

Treter was expected to be transported from Detroit to Lake County. Arraignment will be held at a later date. No charges have been filed.

Lake County Sheriff Robert Hilts said the suspect was found after a tip was given to the department by a friend.

"I was confident he was still in the Detroit area and that is why we put out his picture and information to the news in Detroit," Hilts said. "We got an address from a friend who said he might be hiding in that area and boom we got him."

Hilts said Treter was apprehended driving a car reported stolen from the Hazel Park area. The victim's vehicle was found in Hazel Park.

"It is a great feeling to know he is custody," Hilts said.

Hilts said the Crime Suppression Task Force Team consisting of multiple jurisdiction police agencies and the state police in southeast Oakland County were working with the Fugitive Apprehension Team from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the Special Investigations Team of Madison Heights Police Department and the Narcotics Enforcement Team.

The Crime Suppression Task Force was working with Lake County and the Michigan State Police Reed City Post as well as the MSP 2nd District Headquarters in Northville, MSP Metro North and MSP Detroit.

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