

The Henderson County Sheriffs' Office has charged Angela Summer Carpenter, 32 years of age, with 2nd degree murder in the death of James Edward Sciarratta in an incident that took place in Mountain Home last night.

The Sheriffs Office received a call from an unnamed third party reporting a possible disturbance at 330 Cosmos Drive. Officers responded to the residence and spoke with the owner Angela Summer Carpenter and two other adults at the scene. The other two adults were James Edward Sciarratta, 40 years of age and his wife, Heather Lynn Sciarratta, 41. Deputies were able to determine from conversation with all parties that the Sciarratta's had moved into the residence of Ms. Carpenter about a month ago but she wanted them to leave. Ms. Carpenter and the Sciarratta's agreed that the Sciarratta's would leave as soon as they could get the money to do so. They also indicated to the deputies that they "did not want further problems, and that they would get along" until other arraignments could be made.

Officers cleared the scene at that time. Within moments however; the Sheriffs' Office received a 911 call reporting an assault with a knife at the same location. When the officers arrived back at 330 Cosmos Drive, they found Mr. Sciarratta down with a wound in his abdominal area, his wife trying to administer aid while still on the phone with 911. The suspect was still at the scene and non combative. She complied with the deputies who secured the area and requested EMS to proceed into the area to treat the victim. Mr. Sciarratta died shortly after being taken from the scene. Investigators conducted interviews and processed the crime scene until the early hours of this morning. The case is still being developed and we are not free to release any further information at this time. Investigators expect an autopsy will be performed but it was not scheduled at the time of this release.

Ms. Carpenter has been charged with 2nd degree murder and is currently being held under a \$100,000 dollar bond in the Henderson County Detention Center.

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