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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached press release for information regarding a homicide investigation and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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January 1, 2026

Press Release: Homicide Investigation

Case Number: C&O 26-00054

Released by: Lt. Samantha Puckett

This press release is issued in reference to Case Number C&O 26-00054, a homicide investigation.

On January 1, 2026, at approximately 5:37 a.m., officers with the Billings Police Department responded to a report of an assault in the 1300 block of Easy Street. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive 43-year-old male inside the residence and immediately rendered first aid. The individual was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased by medical personnel.

Billings Police Department Detectives responded to the scene and conducted a thorough investigation throughout the day, including processing the scene and interviewing witnesses. All involved parties have been identified and located, and there is no ongoing threat to the public related to this incident.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. No charges have been filed at this time.

The Billings Police Department would like to thank our assisting agencies, including the Billings Fire Department and AMR, for their support and assistance.

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Good evening,

Please see the attached press release regarding a shooting investigation and arrests. Let me know if you have any questions.



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January 1, 2026

Press Release: Shooting Investigation

Case Number: C&O 26-00037

This press release is issued regarding Case Number C&O 26-00037, a shooting investigation.

On January 1, 2026, at approximately 3:11 a.m., officers with the Billings Police Department responded to reports of a shooting in the area of North 22nd Street and Burnstead Drive. Multiple callers reported a drive-by shooting involving two vehicles. The suspect vehicle fired several rounds at the victim's vehicle before both vehicles fled the area.

Responding officers subsequently located the victim's vehicle. All occupants of the vehicle were uninjured. Further investigation by BPD officers and detectives led to the identification of the suspects as two local men, **23-year-old Rodney Brown** and **20-year-old Davinci Tousley**.

Brown and Tousley were located and arrested without incident. Both individuals have been remanded to the Yellowstone County Detention Facility on **five counts of Assault with a Weapon**.

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