



# SOMERSET POLICE



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## Two Arrested in Weekend Murder

Somerset police detectives have made two arrests in the murder case of Homer Carrender.

Several details of the case were purposefully withheld from public release during the early stages until the investigation was further along.

Early Saturday morning, Officer Matthew Gates observed a vehicle on McKee Street turning north onto KY 2227. He pulled the car over because it was driving without its headlights activated.

The driver was identified as Rafael Robinson, age 26, of Science Hill. Robinson was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, driving on a suspended license, and drug charges. He was also charged with theft when it was determined he stole the car he was driving.

Pursuant to the theft, Officer Josh Wesley and Officer Shawn Dobbs went to Carrender's apartment to determine if he knew his car had been stolen. It was during this part of the investigation that Carrender was found dead from an apparent homicide.

The investigation has lead to the recovery of what investigators believe are the knife and a steel pipe used during the murder, along with property taken from Carrender's apartment.

Robinson was charged with Murder and Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Another person, Peggy Mina, age 45, of Science Hill was also charged in connection with the crime. Mina was taken into custody this afternoon and charged with Complicity to Commit Murder and Complicity to Commit Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Detectives from the Pulaski County Sheriff Department assisted in the investigation.

