



# SOMERSET POLICE



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## **One Killed, Another Injured in Tree Fall Accident**

Somerset police are conducting a death investigation this afternoon after a tree fell on two people on Jasper Street.

Somerset officers, along with the Somerset Fire Department and Somerset-Pulaski County EMS, received the call at 1:32 PM that a tree fell on a vehicle and one person was trapped in Colonial Village Apartments on Jasper Street.

When units arrived, they found 17-year-old Kaitlyn Griffin lying severely injured underneath a large tree that fell across Jasper Street. She was extricated from the downed tree and treated by fire and EMS workers.

Josh Thacker, age 15, of Somerset was also struck, but managed to get partially out of the tree's way.

Other family members were present and nearby when the accident occurred.

Griffin and Thacker were transported to the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

Griffin was pregnant at the time of the accident. Both the mother and child were pronounced dead at the hospital by Pulaski County Coroner Richard New.

Somerset Police Department was assisted at the scene by the Somerset Fire Department, the Somerset-Pulaski County EMS, the Somerset-Pulaski County Rescue Squad, and the Pulaski County Coroner's Office.

The investigation is continuing by the police department and the coroner's office.