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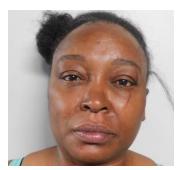
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS CAHOKIA HEIGHTS WOMAN FOR MURDER AT NIGHTCLUB

EAST ST. LOUIS – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Public Safety Enforcement Group arrested 45-year-old Lakecia S. Cole of Cahokia Heights, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony).

On May 13, 2024, ISP agents were requested by the East St. Louis Police Department to assist with a homicide investigation that occurred at Another Level Nightclub in the 600 block of Martin Luther King Drive. The victim, 39-year-old, Danielle R. Williams of East St. Louis, IL had been shot outside the nightclub and later pronounced deceased.

After a thorough investigation, with assistance from the East St. Louis Police Department, the case was presented to the St. Clair County State's Attorney James Gomric, and the above-mentioned charge was filed against Cole on May 14, 2024.

Cole was currently in-custody during the issuance of charges. No further information is available.



Lakecia R. Cole (F/39)

The public is reminded that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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