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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 1ST, 2018 Contact: Tiffney Lindley
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RE: FAYETTEVILLE POLICE MAKE ARREST IN HOMICIDE

Fayetteville Police Chief Greg Tabor announced today the arrest of **CHRISTOPHER RANKIN**, black male, age 25, for Murder in the 1st Degree.

On January 1st, 2018, at approximately 12:47AM, a patrol officer was flagged down and advised of a disturbance in the parking lot of 548 W Dickson St. Upon arrival officers found **TRENTON CONEY**, black male, age 22, with a gunshot wound to the chest. Officers immediately rendered first aid and provided care until medical personnel arrived on scene. **CONEY** was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Through the investigation, and via several witness statements, it was learned that **RANKIN** was speaking with a female subject in the parking lot, when **CONEY** walked up to check on the female. This upset **RANKIN**, who then pulled a gun from his jacket pocket and pointed it at **CONEY**. After exchanging a few words, **RANKIN** put the gun back in his

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pocket, and a physical altercation ensued between **RANKIN** and **CONEY**. During this altercation **CONEY** fell to the ground, at which time **RANKIN** stood over him, pulled the gun from his pocket, and fired one shot striking **CONEY** in the chest. **RANKIN** fled the scene before officer's arrived, but was located in Fayetteville a short time after the incident. **RANKIN** was taken into custody without incident and charged with Murder 1st Degree.

This investigation is still on-going.

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