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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **“Homicide Suspect Arrested”**

At approximately 03:15 am on Sunday September 25, 2011, the MECCA 911 Center received a report of shots fired at #2 Wall Street (Wall and High Street) "Club Karma". Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded and found a subject shot in the abdomen. The victim was given emergency first aid and transported to Ruby Memorial for treatment for his injuries and died while undergoing treatment. The victim was identified as **Lucas LEE**, 28 years of age, of Morgantown.

The victim's brother was also injured during the incident and was transported to Ruby Memorial Hospital where he was treated for a gunshot wound to his leg. He was identified as **Robert Matthew LEE**, 25 years of age of Morgantown. **Mr. LEE's** injuries are not life threatening.

A third victim, identified as **Kirsten BARBER**, 18 years of age, of Fairmont, was treated at Ruby Memorial Hospital for a gunshot wound to her leg and was later released.

**Jeron HAWKINS**, 18 years of age, of Charleston, was treated at Ruby Memorial Hospital for a gunshot wound to his leg and released. **HAWKINS** was later identified as the suspect who shot and killed **Mr. Lucas LEE**.

Detectives of the Morgantown Police Department obtained a warrant for **HAWKINS'** arrest for the charge of First Degree Murder. Detectives of the Morgantown Police Department working in conjunction with members of the U.S. Marshall's Office, Charleston Police Department and Kanawha County Sheriff's Office executed two search warrants in Kanawha County in an effort to recover evidence and locate **Mr. HAWKINS**.

Detectives have recovered a weapon believed to be the murder weapon in this case but will be awaiting forensic examination of the firearm to make a final determination.

At approximately 9:30 pm on Tuesday September 28, 2011, **Mr. HAWKINS** surrendered at the Federal Courthouse in Charleston. **HAWKINS** was charged with First Degree Murder, booked into the Southern Regional Jail and he is currently being held without bond.

According to reports the incident started inside of the club following a verbal disagreement but escalated to the shooting outside of the club after closing time. Detectives are continuing to investigate this incident and additional arrests and charges are pending.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact the Morgantown Police Department Detectives Unit.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “**Partner in Policing**”, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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