



# NEWS

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### 2016 MURDER SUSPECT EXTRADITED

According to Sheriff Ed Graybeal, the suspect in the 2016 Christmas Eve homicide of Keila Marie Gilbert-Taylor has been extradited from the State of North Carolina back to Washington County, Tennessee.

Zefrin Leigh Parker, age 31, was served with an arrest warrant Thursday afternoon which charged him with one count of Felony Murder. He was booked into the Washington County Detention Center and is being held without bond.

Warrants were previously secured for Parker's arrest in Washington County after a DNA match was made to him from evidence at the crime scene. Investigator's then tracked Parker's whereabouts to Asheville, North Carolina where he was apprehended with the assistance of the Asheville Police Department.

Parker had been held as a Fugitive from Justice in the Buncombe County Jail since December 10<sup>th</sup> where he fought extradition. Investigator's filed for a Governor's Warrant seeking Parker's return to Tennessee. Governor Bill Lee along with the Governor of North Carolina both issued a Governor's Warrant which then authorized Parker's return back to Tennessee to face charges.

Parker is set for arraignment in Sessions Court tomorrow at 10:00 am.



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