

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE



NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: March 14, 2018

REFERENCE: Zachary Deputy Fire Chief and Reserve Police Officer Christopher Lawton

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PRELIMINARY ANATOMIC DIAGNOSIS

(BATON ROUGE, LA) – On March 14, 2018 an autopsy was conducted on Zachary Deputy Fire Chief and Reserve Police Officer Christopher Lawton.

The results are as follows:

Manner of Death: Homicide

Preliminary Cause of Death: Blunt force injuries to the head and torso.

It is with great sadness and respect we investigate any unexpected or traumatic death. When our investigation involves the death of a law enforcement officer, it is particularly tragic and we extend our thoughts and condolences to Christopher Lawton's family, friends, the Zachary Fire Department, the Zachary Police Department as well as the extended first responder community that is grieving his death.

For any questions, please contact the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office at 225-389-3047.

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