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On 09-07-2020 at approximately 4:55 p.m., Howard County 911 received a call from 404 Crew Street, in the town of Franklin, for a stabbing victim.  When Deputies and medical personnel arrived, they found Courtney Clardy, a 22-year-old, female deceased, from apparent stab wounds.

The Mid-Missouri Major Case Squad was activated, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Division of Drug and Crime Control was contacted to assist with the investigation and provide additional resources.

Emmett Wood Jr., a 44-year-old, white male, of Franklin, was identified as a suspect.  The Howard County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office issued a warrant for the arrest of Wood, charging him with Class A Felony Murder Second Degree.

The Cooper County Sheriff’s Office, Boonville and New Franklin police departments and the Missouri State Highway Patrol assisted in the search for Wood.  On 09-08-2020, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Wood was located in a rural area, south of Glasgow, Missouri, where he was taken into custody.  Wood was transported to the Howard County jail, where he remains in custody, without bond.

Sheriff Mike Neal

Howard County Sheriff Department

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