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The Georgetown Police Department has made an arrest in the Homicide of Ricky White. White was found shot to death in the drive way of his girlfriend's residence, located at 106 S. Pleasant Street in Georgetown, Ohio in the early morning hours of November 30th, 2006. The subsequent investigation led officers to center their efforts on White's girlfriend's estranged husband, Jimmie D. Fite. Information gathered by the Police Department and Fite's own statements led Chief Buddy Coburn to obtain an arrest warrant for Fite. On January 30, 2007. Mr. Fite was arrested at a residence in Brown County by Chief Coburn and Sheriff Dewayne Wenninger of the Brown County Sheriff's Department along with officers from both departments. Fite offered no resistance and is currently housed in the Brown County Adult Detention Center in Georgetown under a \$500,000.00 Dollar Bond, set by Judge Joe Worley of the Brown County Municipal Court.

The White Homicide was the first Homicide in Georgetown since the early 90's, so it was naturally a tremendous shock to the citizens of the village. Chief Coburn stated, "we have seen a great deal of apprehension on the part of the people of this town, and we felt the solving of this terrible tragedy was of vital importance". My department has remained in close contact with the victims family and their patients and support has been a tremendous help. The officers have logged a massive amount of time doing follow up on this case, and I wish to praise my whole department for their effort. We all worked as hard and as efficiently as we possibly could. The primary officers investigating the case were Chief Buddy Coburn, Sergeant Robert Freeland and Patrolman Robert Gifford. Chief Coburn would also like to thank Sheriff Dewayne Wenninger for all the assistance he and his Deputies provided. Coburn especially wants to thank Sheriff's Detective Donnie Wagner for his contribution. Coburn said, the Sheriff's Departments help was invaluable to us, and this is a real display of departments working together to successfully achieve a goal. Brown County Prosecuting Attorney, Thomas Grennan, has worked closely with the Police Department and evaluated our progress and given us valuable advice all during the investigation. We have received assistance from several agencies and individuals on this case, Coburn said. The Brown County Coroner, Dr. Tim Mckinley; the Ripley Police Department; the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Montgomery County Morgue all provided valuable assistance in this case.