

Police Pursue Murder Suspect in the Rain

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A rainy night turned into a deadly morning Saturday as a woman was murdered around 2 a.m. in front of Club 2000 in the 100 block of Fourth Street North.

According to Texas City Police, Evelyn Diane Johnson, 43, was pronounced dead at Mainland Medical Center after her husband, Moses Johnson, allegedly stabbed her as she exited the club.

According to police, the victim's sister saw Moses run towards Evelyn and stab her repeatedly before getting into his car and fleeing the scene.

Texas City Police Officer Stephenson was the first to respond to the scene. During the course of the investigation at the club, police learned that a witness to the stabbing had been following the suspect's green Ford Mustang but had lost sight of the vehicle around the Nessler Center.

Around that time, Cpl. Zimmer noticed a green Mustang near the Nessler Center and confirmed the license plate as belonging to the suspect's vehicle. Cpl. Zimmer followed the Mustang down 21st Street and saw the suspect throw something out the car window.

Officer Hogan joined the pursuit, and Cpl. Zimmer stayed behind and recovered a knife, believed to be the murder weapon, that was thrown from the suspect's vehicle.

Hogan continued the regular speed pursuit north on 21st St. to the North Loop west to Highway 146. The pursuit then continued south on Hwy. 146.

Johnson lost control of his car and spun into the grass near Lowes before regaining control and heading west on FM 1764. Once on Palmer Highway, the Mustang was traveling in excess of 80 mph.

Johnson turned onto 1-45 where he struck the outside retaining wall and spun out before his car finally came to rest and he was taken into custody.

Texas City Police tried to deploy stop sticks on Emmott F. Lowry Expressway but Johnson was able to drive around them. When Officer Scott tried to get ahead of Johnson again to re-deploy the stop sticks, his police cruiser hydroplaned on the Century Road overpass and collided with the guard rail, causing front end damage to the car. Scott was unharmed.

According to Texas City Police, Moses Johnson has been charged with murder and is being held in the Galveston County Jail under a \$150,000 bond.

No additional charges related to fleeing from the police were expected to be filed at press time.