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On January 11, 2024, at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Tippecanoe County Coroner’s Office responded to a residence located in the 2300 Block of Drexel Drive, Lafayette, Indiana for a death investigation. The deceased was positively identified as Charles Rhode, 39, from Lafayette, Indiana.

On January 11, 2024, a forensic autopsy was performed at the Tippecanoe County Coroner’s Office, and the preliminary cause and manner of death are:

**Charles Rhode:**
**Preliminary Cause of Death:** Gunshot wound
**Toxicology:** Pending
**Preliminary Manner of Death:** Pending further investigation

This is an ongoing investigation with the Tippecanoe County Coroner’s Office and the Lafayette Police Department. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the family, and we hope they are respected during such a difficult time.

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