

UPDATE: Two Stabbed, One Dead in Ashe Fight

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A Watauga County man is dead, an Ashe man hospitalized after a knife fight late Friday night in the Fleetwood area of Ashe County. Sheriff James Williams said that law enforcement and emergency services were called out after 11pm to a residence on the Miller Mountain Road off Liberty Grove Church Road. The Sheriff said that one man was on the porch, another inside when deputies arrived, and that the one man he identified as 52-year old James Carroll of Watauga County, was deceased. The other man, Brian Christopher Smith, 48, of the Miller Mountain address, was rushed to Watauga Medical Center where he was admitted for treatment of a knife wound to the chest. He said that what the investigation is showing points possibly to a self-defense stabbing in a fight between landlord and tenant, but he said that his investigators have and will be working with the District Attorney's Office to be certain of that, pouring over evidence from the scene.