

Investigation led to Durham, deputies say

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Deputies say an October murder just outside North Wilkesboro was a consequence of a bad business transaction.

North Wilkesboro's Jonathon Whitmore was found shot in the head in a ditch near his residence at the intersection of Holland Street and Mimosa Lane last month. Whitmore owned and operated an environmental cleanup business that removed asbestos.

Yesterday, authorities arrested his Durham-based business associate, 42-year-old Keith Donnell Miles.

The State Bureau of Investigations and Durham Police raided Miles' home yesterday, according to officials within Wilkes Sheriff's Office. Deputies say the motive was a business transaction, but won't elaborate. Officers were in Durham the day Whitmore's body was found and have been looking at Miles for sometime.