



**WINTER HAVEN**  
*The Chain of Lakes City*  
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**\*\* UPDATE \*\* Homicide at SailWind Apartments**

WINTER HAVEN – Winter Haven Police have made an arrest in a homicide that at the Sailwind Apartments, located at 360 24th St., N.W. in Winter Haven.

David Matthew Young (w/m DOB 5-14-81 - homeless) was arrested after he confessed to the killing of Martin Vasser (w/m - DOB 10-17-56). Vasser was stabbed multiple times inside the apartment after an argument ensued between the two men.

Vasser, who was confined to a wheelchair, had not been seen by neighbors for a few days and contacted building maintenance to check on him. At approximately 7:15 p.m., a maintenance employee entered the locked apartment and saw a large amount of blood at the doorway and immediately called police. When police arrived, Vasser's body was located and it appeared he had been deceased for a few days.

Detectives canvassed the apartment complex and uncovered information that Young had frequented Vasser's apartment in the past. It was also determined that Young had been seen with a bottle of *Hydrocodone* that had been prescribed to the victim.

Witnesses provided information that Young was homeless and directed officers to Young's "homeless camp" in the area of 24<sup>th</sup> St., NW and Recker Hwy. in Winter Haven. Young was located and after questioning, confessed to the killing on April 13, 2011. He also confessed to stealing \$12 from the victim and taking the prescription drugs and attempted to sell them to Vasser's neighbors.

Young was booked in the Polk County Jail on charges of first degree murder, armed robbery and prohibited possession of prescription Hydrocodone.