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**LPPD investigates death resulting from fight at residential party**

Shortly before 10:00 p.m. on Sunday night, La Porte Officers responded to a disturbance at a residential party in the 8600 block of Shady Tree Ct. Upon arrival, officers discovered a male guest unconscious in the front yard of the residence and learned that he had been involved in a physical confrontation with the male homeowner. La Porte EMS also responded to the scene and the victim was transported to nearby Bayshore Hospital. The 44 year old victim, who has since been identified as Darrell DeSouza, died the following evening and the exact cause of death is pending autopsy by the Harris County Medical Examiner’s Office.

The La Porte Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Division is actively investigating the incident in cooperation with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office. For further information call 281-842-3173.