



Abilene Police Department

News Release

NR 0917058

4565 SOUTH FIRST STREET – ABILENE, TX 79605 Ph: (325) 673-8331

Posted online at www.abilenepolice.org

Media Contact: Rick Tomlin, Public Information Coordinator

Ph: (325) 437-4529 Email: apdpio@abilenetx.gov

September 17, 2020

Murder Suspect Arrested

Abilene Tx – On today's date, Abilene Police Department Detectives with the assistance of the North Texas Fugitive Task Force arrested Luke Matthew Sweetser, date of birth 12-1-71, on a murder warrant. Sweetser was located in the City of Dallas and taken into custody at approximately 5:05 pm. His bond is set at \$750,000.

The murder warrant stems from the ongoing death investigation of Thomas Niblo, who was murdered on December 12, 2016. Tom's family has been notified of Sweetser's arrest.

I am very thankful for many people and organizations that assisted the Abilene Police Department. The North Texas Fugitive Task Force is comprised of the US Marshals Service, Dallas Police Department and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. They were instrumental in Sweetser's successful arrest. The FBI also assisted over the course of several years, and I remain very thankful for their help in processing electronic evidence. I am also very thankful for the diligent APD detectives, officers, supervisors, crime analysis, property and evidence technicians and forensic employees who remained committed to bringing this case forward for prosecution.

Respectfully,

Stan Standridge
Chief of Police

[www.abilene
police.org](http://www.abilene
police.org)



"You are the
first line of
defense
against crime"

Stan Standridge, Chief of Police | 4565 South First | Abilene, TX | 79605

"We work together to build and maintain a community of the highest quality for present and future generations"