

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

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UTAH Domestic Violence Related Deaths in 2020

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Count	Name	Date of Death	Age	Children	Cause of Death	Location	Fatality Caused By	Circumstances
1	John H. Peel	01/10/2020	74	TBD	Stabbing	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County	Grandson	<p>A man was arrested Saturday morning after police say he stabbed his grandfather to death and then set the house ablaze to conceal the killing. On Friday morning, fire crews responded to a fire and learned the lone occupant of the home, John H. Peel, 74, had not escaped the flames. After putting out the fire, crews found Peel's body with stab wounds, Wilking said.</p> <p>Maxwell Wolcott, 28, was arrested and booked into Salt Lake County Jail for investigation of murder, aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, abuse or desecration of a dead human body, and obstruction of justice, according to a police affidavit filed in support of his arrest.</p> <p>According to the affidavit, Wolcott told officers in an interview that he drove to his grandfather's home "with the intention of killing him" and later returned to douse the body with lighter fluid "with the hope of destroying evidence." A possible motive for the killing was not released.</p>