

Topeka homicide claims former Atchison man

**(KAIR)--A former Atchison man is dead, identified by the Topeka Police Department as the victim of Topeka's first homicide of 2020.**

**41-year-old Emerson Downing, identified as a resident of Topeka at the time of his death, was killed Monday in what's described as a hit-and-run.**

**WIBW-TV [reports](#) witnesses heard an argument around 1:00 Monday afternoon, and notified authorities. A short time later, those witnesses told police they saw a vehicle run over Downing and then flee the scene, located near the Soldier Trail, in the 1500 block of Northwest Tyler.**

**Downing was transported by ambulance to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead.**

**An arrest has been made, with the TV station reporting 51-year-old Chad Thomas Cuevas is in custody at the Shawnee County Jail, accused of running down Downing. He is facing charges related to First Degree Murder.**

**The investigation is ongoing.**

**According to Downing's social media profile, he attended Atchison High School from 1993 to 1997.**

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