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## Press release

### **Joint Press Release of the Mannheim Public Prosecutor's Office and the Mannheim Police Headquarters**

**35-year-old Gabriel V. killed by violence; public search for perpetrator; witness statements urgently requested; confidential tip line set up; Press Release No. 3**

#### **Mannheim-Neckarstadt:**

The man who was found dead Monday morning the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 in his apartment in the city district Neckarstadt-West has been identified as 35-year-old Gabriel V.

Gabriel V. has been studying at the University of Heidelberg since 2016. He was last seen alive on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 in downtown Heidelberg.

The forensic medical examination to determine the exact time of death is still ongoing.

Several calls have been received via the tip line, all of which are still being evaluated.

The securing of evidence in the victim's one-room apartment by the Central Crime Scene Unit has been completed. The evidence is currently being evaluated by the Forensic Institute at the State Office of Criminal Investigations Baden-Württemberg in Stuttgart.

Investigations so far have revealed that Gabriel V. stayed in the Rhine-Neckar County, mainly in the City of Mannheim, during his lifetime.

From the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 until his discovery, the investigators have no information about his whereabouts or contacts. Therefore, it is of particular importance to the investigators of the Special Commission "Lorbeer" to clarify the following questions with the public's help:

- Where did Gabriel V. stay from July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 until he was found on the morning of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020?
- With whom did he have contact during this time?
- When was he last seen alive?

Witnesses who can provide relevant information about the crime, the victim, but also about the currently unknown perpetrator, are asked to call 0621 / 174 - 4444. Calls are answered around the clock.

Witnesses may also contact the confidential tip line at 01577 / 698 8567. The assurance of confidentiality has to be reviewed and is subject to special conditions.