

Pastor Murdered, Suspect Was Living at Church

A tragic homicide took place at the Westview Baptist Church in Miami, Florida.

The pastor of Westview, Antwane Lenoir, 41, was stabbed to death by James Dawkin, 44, authorities claim.

Lenoir was working with a locksmith on Saturday, Apr. 6, to have the locks of the church changed, and got into an argument with Dawkins who was living at the church temporarily.

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As reported by CBS News, "As the argument grew heated, Dawkins, without provocation according to police, stabbed Lenoir multiple times before running off.

"When Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived they found Lenoir's body on the ground with multiple stab wounds in his neck."

Dawkins was not at the scene of the crime, but was arrested the following day. He is currently facing a first-degree murder charge.

Lenoir was married with four children between the ages of 13 and 20, according to his wife, Bree, who spoke with CBS Miami.

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"He was a very good example of a selfless individual, a joy-filled person," Bree recalls of her slain husband. "He always smiled, even if things were looking kind of grim or dreary, you wouldn't know it by his countenance.

“His life is not when it ended. It’s not even about when it started. It’s about what he did in between to make his life count,” she added.

Now, Bree faces not only the challenge of grieving her husband and navigating the road ahead without him, but being there for their children who are still processing the loss of their father.

“They have their moments and I expect that that’s gonna be the way it is indefinitely, you know, going forward. But, they remember their dad as the guy that when he comes, he’ll play games with them, he’ll text in the was funny about texting in the house,” Bree shares.{eo}

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