

# Tennessee kids pastor Charles Pittman charged with murdering fiancé Olivia Greenlee, made it look like suicide

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A Tennessee college student and children's minister has been arrested and charged with murdering his fiancé just months ahead of their wedding.

Investigators in the case announced that they had charged Charles Pittman, age 21, with the first-degree murder of his fiancée, Olivia Greenlee, also age 21. Pittman was also charged with tampering with evidence related to the murder,

Pittman staged the scene to make it appear as a suicide.

Capt. Tyreece Miller detailed to the press how Pittman stole a gun from a friend, shot the woman in her 2001 Toyota Corolla and then made it look like Greenlee killed herself.

"This case shows that domestic violence affects people from all different races, religions and socioeconomic statuses," Miller said.

Both were students at Tennessee's Union University.

University President David S. Dockery called the incident "devastating."

"Olivia was found dead in her vehicle on an auxiliary part of our campus earlier this week. This tragedy, involving two Union University commuter students, is incredibly devastating and saddening news," said Dockery in a [news release](#).

"Understanding that an arrest is not the same thing as a conviction, we now need to let the judicial process run its course. Union University continues to cooperate with authorities. ... During this difficult time, words motivated by hatred or judgment are not helpful to anyone. I want to encourage us to pray for all the families connected to this tragedy. Let us ask for God's wisdom, comfort, help and mercy during the days and weeks to come," he added.

Church leaders at Providence Baptist Church in Alamo, where Pittman served as youth and children's minister, say he has been suspended pending the outcome of the case against him, according to a WBBJ report.

Reverend Randy Kellough released this statement Sunday:

“We were deeply saddened by the news of the death of Olivia Greenlee, and as a church body we are praying for the family and friends and will continue praying for them in the days ahead. We have been informed of the arrest of Charlie Pittman, our youth and children’s minister. We will pray for Brother Charlie and his family and friends. At this time, we have no further comment other than to reiterate our concern for the family and friends of Olivia during this tragic loss of such an awesome, young Christian lady. As a church, we will be praying for all parties involved.”