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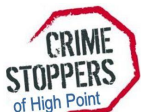
### INCIDENT TYPE – ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

HIGH POINT, NC – On Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at approximately 11:00 pm **Musa Raza (W/M 19)** of High Point arrived by private vehicle (driven by his sister **Gohar Fatima (W/F 22)**) to High Point Regional Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. Raza was transported to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center for treatment of serious but nonlife-threatening injuries. Officers began investigating and were able to determine that the shooting incident occurred at the Budget Inn Motel located at 200 Ardale Rd in room 222.

Through investigation, officers learned that the victim and his sister met the suspect at a gas station on South Main St before agreeing to go to the suspect's hotel room to purchase and smoke marijuana. Once all parties arrived at the motel room the suspect pulled out a gun and demanded cell phones and money from the Raza and Fatima. During the robbery, the suspect began to assault Fatima at which point Raza intervened and a struggle for the gun ensued. During the struggle for the gun, Raza was shot in the chest. The gun fell to the floor and Fatima and Raza was able to exit the room and drive to the hospital.

Officers applied for and were granted a search warrant for the motel room and collected evidence from the crime scene. Officers also recovered the weapon used in the shooting.

As a result of the investigation **Christopher D Stotts (B/M 37)** of High Point was identified as the offender in this incident. Officers obtained warrants for arrest for the following charges, Attempted Murder Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Assault by Pointing a Gun, and Assault on a Female. Stotts was last seen wearing a red shirt, blue jeans, and yellow boots. He may be operating a white in color 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis bearing NC registration plate PHS-4771. Stotts is VCTF notified.



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(Stotts Photo from Oct 2009)

As a violent chronic offender, crash **Christopher D Stotts (B/M 37)** was called in and notified of his Violent Crimes Task Force status on May 12, 2009. This involves police and state and federal prosecutors notifying violent offenders that any future crimes they commit will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, to include maximum prison time. Then, offenders are offered a variety of community resources through the High Point Community Against Violence (HPCAV) to help them change their lifestyles and to stop committing violent crimes. The High Point Violent Crimes Task Force was created to improve the quality of life for the residents of High Point by reducing violent crime, using a comprehensive, collaborative data-driven strategic approach involving federal, state, and local resources to identify violent, repeat, and/or group offenders, and employ prevention and intervention techniques to stop the violence.

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