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INCIDENT TYPE – CRIMINAL HOMICIDE

HIGH POINT, NC – On Thursday, August 31, 2017, at approximately 5:21 PM High Point Police responded to the 200 block of Paramount Street after receiving an unknown problem/man down call. Upon arrival on scene police and fire, personnel discovered two male victims both suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. One victim was in the driveway of 205 Paramount Street while the other was located in the front yard of a residence across the street. Both victims located on Paramount were transported to High Point Regional Hospital in High Point and Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro. While rendering aid to the victims in the 200 block of Paramount Street officers learned an additional victim (victim number three) had arrived by private vehicle at High Point Regional Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound. He was later transferred to Baptist Medical Center for additional treatment.

During the investigation, Maurice Suggs; (B/M/26) of High Point was pronounced dead at High Point Regional Hospital. Tremaine Durham (B/M/31) of High Point has been listed in critical condition and Al'tariq Cole (B/M31) of New Jersey is listed in stable condition at local hospitals.

Detectives searched the 200 block of Paramount Street focusing on the residence located at 205 Paramount Street and collected multiple items of evidence, however at this point in the investigation no motive or suspect information is being released.

High Point Police consider this investigation to still be in its early stages and are actively working on speaking to all victims and witnesses and developing and following up on leads.

This is the 15th Criminal Homicide in High Point in 2017.

UPDATE 9/3/2017: SUSPECTS WANTED / ARRESTED

As a result of the ongoing homicide investigation, High Point Police Detectives have identified suspects in the murder of Maurice Suggs. On Friday, September 1, 2017, High Point Police Officers and the Marshals Fugitive Task force located and arrested Unique A. McQueen (B/F) for 1st Degree Murder.



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On Saturday, September 2, 2017, Wayland M. Smith (B/M) turned himself into High Point Police. Smith was charged with 1st Degree Murder and is currently in custody with no bond.

UPDATE 9/5/2017: SUSPECT WANTED / DETAILS

Detectives have determined that Wayland Smith, Unique McQueen and Devonte Flowers went to 205 Paramount St to rob the residence for drugs and money. The subjects drove to Paramount street and approached the residence making contact with two of the victims who were in the front yard. Once they made contact one of the suspects pulled a hand gun from their waist and attempted to rob them of their drugs and money. During the robbery, shots were fired and as a result, three people were struck by gunfire, one of which later died from his injuries. The suspects then fled the scene driving back to a residence located in the central section of High Point. At this point, detectives feel confident they have identified all parties involved but are still actively searching for Devonte Markell Flowers of Winston Salem for 1st Degree Murder.



(Photo from Feb 2017)



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UPDATE 9/13/2017: SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Al'tariq Cole (B/M31) of Newark, New Jersey who was one of the people who was shot on Paramount Street last month was released from the hospital and charged with first-degree murder. Cole was released from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem and taken into custody by Winston-Salem Police Department on September 7. Cole is currently in the custody of the Guilford County jail where he is being held without bond.



WSPD Booking Photo from 9/7/2017

The High Point Police Department is still actively searching for Devonte Markell Flowers of Winston Salem for 1st Degree Murder.



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