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BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

A MOTHER AND HER CHILD

By Captain E. Abdullah, PIO

A quiet late evening of December 17, 2019, eight days before Christmas, was shattered by the ricocheting sounds of gunfire as three men unloaded in the back window of a Graniteville apartment. Lives were changed that night when a family realized that they just went through what could only be described as hell. Echoes of screams for help came from a single apartment located on Kalmia Apartment Drive. Three gunmen made their way to the rear of the apartment building, steadied themselves and opened fire with their weapons. The hail of bullets interrupted a mother caring for her child.

When Aiken County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived, they found 24 year old Mal'lisha Jackson and her son 1 year old, Elijah Jackson, with apparent gunshot injuries. Unfortunately, Mal'lisha was pronounced deceased by Emergency Services when they arrived at the apartment. Elijah was taken to the hospital by EMS for emergency treatment, but sadly he did not survive. Witnesses throughout the apartment complex reported hearing the volley of gunfire.

credit: Post and Courier)



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December 18th, the investigation in the deaths of Mal'lisha and Elijah took a turn when video of the horrific crime emerged showing three individuals, take aim and unleashed their weapons on the unsuspecting occupants of that apartment. Ranging from physical heights of 5'7" to 5'11", one shooter is wearing a dark color jacket with a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

The second shooter is wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt with black sweatpants with a red strip, while the third shooter is seen wearing a dark color jacket with hood and dark blue pants.

A community impacted by the deaths of a mother and her child led to information sharing, numerous leads and tips that assisted in an arrest of one of the alleged shooters. Multiple law enforcement agencies (Aiken County Sheriff's Office, Richmond County Sheriff's Office, ATF Rage Unit, Aiken DPS, North Augusta DPS, U.S. Marshals and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division) converged on 131 Green Street in Augusta Georgia where Thomas Anthony Henderson was arrested on two counts of Murder.



"The joint efforts by law enforcement agencies in the CSRA made this arrest possible" said Sheriff Hunt. "We cannot thank them enough as well as those citizens who were courageous by providing information that assisted law enforcement with this murder investigation." (4 January 2020)

This investigation is far from over with two unidentified shooters roaming free. It takes a community to be a Voice for the Voiceless. No investigation is complete without community support. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at (803) 648-6811 **#BeAVoice4TheVoiceless**

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ATF Offers Reward in Aiken Double Homicide Investigation *Seeking Public's Help in the Homicide Investigation of a Mother and Her 1-Year-Old Son*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has announced a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murders of Mel'Lisha Jackson and her 1-year-old son Elijah Jackson on Dec. 17, 2019.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact ATF at [1-888-ATF-TIPS \(888-283-8477\)](tel:1-888-ATF-TIPS), or by email at ATFTips@atf.gov, or contact ATF through its website at www.atf.gov/contact/atf-tips. Tips may also be submitted to ATF through the Reportit © app, available on both Google Play and the Apple App Store, or by visiting www.reportit.com. All calls and tips will be kept confidential.

This violent crime is being investigated by the ATF Regional Anti-Gang Enforcement (RAGE) Unit, a task force comprised of ATF, Aiken County Sheriff's Office, Aiken Department of Public Safety, North Augusta Department of Public Safety, Richmond County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

ATF, along with our law enforcement partners, is committed to ensuring our communities are safe and that those who commit violent crimes such as this are held accountable. For more information about ATF go to www.atf.gov.



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Jeremiah Duncan, Brandon Odom, Willie James Simmons Jr.

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Jeremiah Duncan (Photo courtesy of Aiken Standard)

By: CPT Abdullah, BEO Early Morning Case
 February 4, 2020, an early morning murder investigation began with the discovery of a young man found in the driver's seat of a lone vehicle on Gunter Road. Deputies with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office were alerted and responded to the discovery around 7:58 am at the intersection of Tabatha Church Road. This young man, later identified as Jeremiah Duncan, appeared to have an

apparent head wound. Duncan was known to the community as an athletic student with University of South Carolina and a native of the Aiken, SC area. Since the beginning of this investigation, Aiken County Sheriff's Office investigators have been working on all aspects of this case, following up on available leads and evidence associated with the

death of Jeremiah. Hope continues to be essential to all investigations. No investigation is complete without community support and dedication to assist in bringing those responsible to justice. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at (803) 648-6511.

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MURDER ON SOUTH CAROLINA AVE

Investigators with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office and the Aiken County Coroner's Office began an investigation into the shooting death of Brandon Odom this morning around 7:42 am on the morning of June 11th. This case began when an Aiken Department of Public Safety Officer found a young man at the intersection of Ertlaw Street and Vauckuse Road who had been shot multiple times.

After getting some assistance for the injured man, Brandon, was found in a vehicle at 2910 South Carolina Ave who appeared to have been shot also. After Aiken County EMS arrived at the scene, Brandon was pronounced deceased. The second shooting victim was taken to a local hospital for emergency treatment.

The shooting death of Brandon Odom is an ongoing investigation. **BE A VOICE** for a father of two, by providing any information no matter how small so that those who are responsible can be held accountable. If anyone has any information on this case or the identity of any suspects, we ask them to contact the Aiken County Sheriff's Office at (803) 648-6511. You can provide information anonymously through Medias Crime Stoppers. Your tip could earn you a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any crime.



Brandon Odom



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October 2019 Silver Bluff Road Death Investigation

In the late evening of October 6, 2019, Aiken County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into the shooting death of Willie James Simmons Jr. When responding deputies arrived at Mr. Simmons home, they found him just inside of the front door, bleeding from an apparent gunshot wound to his chest. Other family members in the home told deputies that they were awoken by the sounds of gunfire coming from outside as bullets struck the side of the house. One witness was able to tell investigators that they saw a person standing next to a car at the edge of the road firing a rifle towards the Simmons home, located in the 3100 block of Silver Bluff Road. First responders and Aiken County EMS (South Star) were called to the home to assist Mr. Simmons. Unfortunately, Mr. Simmons succumbed to his injuries while on scene as stated by Aiken County Coroner Derryl Allen on October 7th.

Investigators are seeking the public's assistance on any information that would lead to the identifying the person or persons who are connected to the death of Mr. Simmons. Investigations like the case of Mr. Simmons, leaves a whole in a family that is seeking answers to what happened and why. **Be a Voice** for Mr. Simmons by providing any information, no matter how small, that could assist in bringing this investigation closer to a conclusion.



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