



SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

Chief Michael Berkow

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

Police investigate shooting

SAVANNAH, GA (October 23, 2008 1:45 a.m.): One man is in the hospital with life-threatening injuries after a shooting just before midnight near the 1300 block of 40th Street.

Metro Police officers responded to the scene and found the 29-year-old man lying on the street with several gunshot wounds. He was rushed to surgery at Memorial University Medical Center.

Police believe the victim knew his attacker. Violent Crimes detectives, along with Central Precinct detectives and forensic officers are at the scene. Several shell casings were found nearby.

UPDATE/FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Savannah, GA (October 23, 2008 3:30 a.m.): The 29-year-old man who suffered multiple gunshot wounds around midnight Wednesday has died. The victim had been rushed to Memorial University Medical Center after being found by police in the area of the 1300 block of 40th Street. He succumb to his injuries a few hours later.

Police believe the victim knew his attacker. Detectives continue to investigate. The man's name will be held until next of kin is notified.

Police release identity of murder victim

Savannah, GA (October 23, 2008 10:30 a.m.): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have released the identity of the victim of the shooting that occurred last night just before midnight in the 1300 block of 40th Street. Twenty-nine year old **Marcus Syntel Givens** was pronounced dead at Memorial University Medical Center a few hours later.

Violent Crimes detectives have worked the case throughout the night and are following several leads. Police have not yet established a motive for the shooting, but do believe this was not a random act of violence and that the victim knew his attacker.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Metro Police Violent Crime Unit at 912-651-6728 or CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020.



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For Immediate Release Sunday, January 6, 2008

Metro Police investigate shooting death

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating a shooting that left a man dead outside an East Savannah club.

Officers were called to Salina's in the 1800 block of Waters Avenue shortly before 5 a.m. Sunday for a report of shots fired. They found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in front of the club door.

Paramedics rushed the victim to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. The victim has been identified as Edward Robinson, 51, of Savannah.

Witnesses said they heard multiple gunshots and saw the suspect running west on 35th Street toward Ott Street. Metro officers and K-9s searched the area, but were unable to locate a suspect.

Anyone with information is urged to call detectives at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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Metro Police search for homicide suspect

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are looking for anyone who may have seen a black male in a green hoodie running away from the scene of an East Savannah fatal shooting shortly before 5 a.m. Sunday.

Metro officers were called to Salina's in the 1800 block of Waters Avenue for a report of shots fired. When the officers arrived, they found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in front of the club door.

Paramedics rushed the victim to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. The victim has been identified as Edward Robinson, 51, of Savannah.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, March 13, 2008

Shooting death investigation

The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police department is investigating the death of a man shot at the corner of 38th and Bull streets. Metro officers responded to the call of gunfire shortly before midnight Wednesday.

When they arrived, the officers found 28-year-old Jamie Kitchens of Savannah suffering from a gunshot wound. Paramedics rushed him to Memorial health University Medical Center where he later died.

Witnesses reported hearing gunfire and saw the victim lying in the street. Police canvassed the area and questioned witnesses. No arrests have been made. The body was sent to the GBI crime lab for an autopsy.

Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to call Metro's violent crimes unit at 651-6728.

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For Immediate Release Thursday January 31, 2008

Shooting Death Investigation

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police are investigating the shooting death of a man in the 2200 block of Utah Street. The victim has been identified as 38-year-old Tavin Barlow of Savannah.

Metro officers responded to the home after a report of gunfire shortly after 10:30 a.m. Thursday. When they arrived, the officers found the victim suffering from at least one gunshot wound.

Paramedics rushed him to the Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he died shortly after arrival.

Metro officers combed the eastside neighborhood where witnesses reported seeing a young black male fleeing from the home. He is described as 5-feet-6, slender build with a low haircut, possibly in his teens. He was last seen running on Utah Street wearing a dark brown hooded sweater or shirt with a white T-shirt underneath and blue jeans.

Police searched the area, but found no suspects matching the description. However, detectives are following some additional leads provided by witnesses.

The body was taken to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy. Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to call Metro violent crime detectives at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.



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For Immediate Release Friday, March 14, 2008

Woman dies in domestic shooting

A domestic dispute has left one woman dead and a man in critical condition. Savannah-Chatham Metro Police responded to the home in the 700 block of Beachwood Drive shortly before 7 p.m. after receiving a call from a man claiming to have shot his wife.

The caller then threatened to turn the gun on himself before hanging up. Within minutes, Metro officers arrived and found the couple inside the home, both suffering from gunshot wounds.

Paramedics rushed the man to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he remains in critical condition. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Metro violent crime detectives are investigating to determine the circumstances that led to the deadly shooting. The body of the woman was sent to the Georgia Bureau of Information crime lab for an autopsy.

Detectives have made a tentative identification of the couple. Their identities will be released after family members are notified.

More details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to call detectives at 651-6728.

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For Immediate Release Friday, March 15, 2008

Man dies after shooting wife and turning gun on himself

A man who shot his wife then turned the gun on himself has died. Savannah-Chatham Metro detectives have ruled the shooting deaths on the city's south side as a murder suicide. The reason behind the domestic shootings is still being investigated. Detectives have identified the couple. Their identities will be released after family members are notified.

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The caller then threatened to turn the gun on himself before hanging up. Within minutes, Metro officers arrived and found the couple inside the home. Both were suffering from gunshot wounds.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mother charged with killing infant son



A Savannah woman is charged with murder after drowning her three-month old son and then placing him in a trash bag.

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police arrested Virkisha Warren, 21, Thursday and transported her to the Chatham County jail.

Metro Police received a report of an unresponsive infant shortly before 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Officers and paramedics arrived at the 100 block of Morekis Drive and found a neighbor performing CPR on 3-month-old Brandon Warren.

Paramedics rushed the baby to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The mother told Metro investigators she awoke and found her son not breathing. Because she did not have a phone, she drove the baby to his father's house-over four miles away- on Morekis Drive to call 911.

On the way, she stopped to pick up the baby's father and then proceeded to his residence where police were summoned. Upon interviewing the father, detectives suspected foul play.

The father told officers he saw a black trash bag sitting on Warren's lap when she picked him up. When he looked inside the bag, he discovered his son inside.

After interviewing the mother again, Metro investigators learned Warren had drown the infant in a bathtub at her Mistletoe Court home before placing him in the trash bag.

Detectives presented their findings to the district attorney's office and arrested the Warren, charging her with murder. A motive for the death has not been determined.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation will conduct an autopsy at 9 a.m. Friday. Warren will be arraigned at 11 a.m. in Recorder's Court.

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For Immediate Release Friday, April 4, 2008

Mother held without bond in infant drowning death

Autopsy results in the homicide of 3-month-old Brandon Warren revealed drowning as the cause of death. The 21-year-old mother of the baby, Virkisha Warren, was arraigned before a Recorder's court judge this morning.

The judge ordered her to be held without bond. Metro homicide detectives arrested and charged Warren with the drowning death of her son Thursday night and placed her in the county jail.

There will be press availability with homicide detectives at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Affairs Office at police headquarters.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, April 6, 2008

Shooting death investigation

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating the shooting death of a man at a home in the 1200 block of East 54th Street. Alex Williams, 18, of Savannah died from a gunshot wound shortly after arriving to Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Metro police responded to the home shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday on a report of gunfire. When officers arrived, they found the victim suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Witnesses reported a suspect entering the home where gunfire erupted.

The circumstances that lead up to the shooting remain unclear. Detectives are continuing their search for additional witnesses who were in the home during the confrontation. The suspect, described only as a short black male wearing a black t-shirt, fled the scene before police arrived.

Police searched the area, but was unable to locate the suspect. Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to call Metro's violent crimes detectives at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers at 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Metro Police investigate Linden Street deaths

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating the deaths of two men found late Monday night in the street near 13 Linden Drive. Detectives have tentatively identified one of the victims, but have not determined a motive for the deaths. However, they did find evidence of foul play at the scene.

Metro police responded shortly before midnight after a motorist called to report the bodies in the street. Officers canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses, while forensic investigators processed the scene.

Witnesses reported the sound of a car speeding away from the scene after striking something or someone. Detectives found a knife on one of the victims, as well as blood-stained tire tracks leading away from the bodies.

Both victims appear to be of Hispanic decent and in their mid-to-late twenties. One of them had a Honduras identification card in his pocket.

The men suffered wounds consistent with those caused by a knife or other sharp object. The bodies were sent to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation crime lab for autopsies to determine their cause of death.

Anyone with information about the deaths is urged to call the department's violent crimes unit at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, April 24, 2008

Man wanted for double homicide, armed and dangerous



Evidence found in a double homicide investigation has now made Jason Castro Gonzalez one of Savannah-Chatham Metro's most wanted. On Wednesday night, detectives obtained arrest warrants, charging Castro with two counts of murder in connection with the deaths of two men found Tuesday on Linden Drive.

Isaias Pastor, 28, and his cousin Alfredo Enrique Pastor, 23, were both acquainted with Gonzalez. Neither of the three men lived in the Linden Drive neighborhood.

Police are asking the public to help locate Gonzalez now after he eluded repeated attempts by detectives to contact him. Gonzalez, 23, of Savannah, is considered armed and dangerous. He is 5-feet-5, 130 pounds; and frequents the Leeds Gate subdivision on the southside. He is regularly seen in auto parts stores and junk yards. He was last seen Wednesday in the English Oaks apartment complex wearing a baseball cap, blue jeans and a brown shirt. Gonzalez's right hand is bandaged and he has tattoos on both forearms; Chinese lettering on the left and a dragon on the right

With help from the community, police received information that led to his identity. The stabbing deaths stemmed from a dispute over money that Gonzalez owed the victims. The two men died of multiple stab wounds shortly before midnight Monday.

Police recovered the victims' car in a parking lot at White Bluff Road and Television Circle on Tuesday afternoon. The 2001 Nissan Xterra, which was saturated with blood, was taken by Gonzalez after he dumped the bodies on Linden Drive and sped off. Detectives have also recovered weapons believed to be used in the attack.

A motorist saw the bodies and called police. When officers arrived, they canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses. They later located witnesses who implicated Gonzalez as a suspect.

The victim and suspect began feuding over a month ago after Gonzalez reportedly returned an unrepaired truck the victim's had paid him to fix. The attacks happened inside the victims' SUV after they picked up Gonzalez, who had promised to return money owed to them. However, instead of returning the \$550, Gonzales attacked the men as he sat in the back seat.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Gonzalez is urged to call Metro's violent crimes unit at 651-6728, or CrimeStoppers at 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, May 10, 2008

An ongoing feud between two men turned deadly Friday night . Metro police identified the suspect and needs help from our community to find him. They are searching for 23-year-old Christopher Vance King. For more details click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser.



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For Immediate Release Thursday, May 29, 2008

Man charged with shooting death of mother's boyfriend



Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police detectives have arrested and charged 24-year-old Farren Johnson with the shooting death of his mother's boyfriend.

The victim, identified as Clarence Alston, 43, of Savannah, died within hours of his arrival to Memorial University Medical Center.

The shooting stemmed from a history of domestic troubles between the two men. They both resided in the home at 1317 East 53rd Street with the suspect's mother. Metro officers responded to the home shortly after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday after the mother returned from work and found her boyfriend (Alston) suffering with at least one gunshot wound.

Police recovered the weapon and learned the shooting occurred about an hour before being reported. Johnson and his mother were taken to police headquarters where police questioned them.

After questioning the two, detectives charged Johnson with the crime. He is in the Chatham County jail pending arraignment on Thursday, May 29, in Recorder's Court.

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Body of Missing Mother Found

SAVANNAH, GA (August 6, 2008 9:30 p.m.): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are deeply saddened to announce they have found the body of the mother of three who went missing last week. The body of Aciea Battise was found in the trunk of the Honda Accord she was last seen driving before disappearing some time after 9:00 p.m. on Thursday. Police have now turned this missing person's case into a homicide investigation.

Late this afternoon, police found a silver Honda Accord in the 300 block of E. Charlton Street. The car was towed to the Annex where forensics technicians examined the car after a search warrant was granted. Search warrants were also executed at numerous other locations.

At this time, police are looking closely at the relationship Ms. Battise had with two men – 39 year-old **Luther Marion RUTH III** and 26 year-old **Terry Kovan COLEMAN**.

On July 8, police launched an investigation after Terry Coleman was assaulted. During the ensuing investigation, Coleman was elusive about a number of facts in the case and it wasn't until a week later that Coleman identified Ruth as the attacker. Police were continuing that investigation when a report was made on Friday, August 1 around 4:00 p.m. that Ms. Battise was missing.

Over the weekend police began investigating her disappearance and by Monday police were executing search warrants for cell phone and financial records in an attempt to locate the missing woman. Police released information to the public on Tuesday in hopes that someone had seen her car or Ms. Battise.

At the same time, the search was on for Ruth. Police tracked him down while he was out of town, and upon his return to Savannah from out-of-state last night, he was arrested and charged with the Aggravated Assault on Terry Coleman.

At this time, detectives continue to investigate all avenues of this case. Mr. Coleman has voluntarily come to Metro Police Headquarters to speak with investigators.



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MEDIA ALERT

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Metro Police will hold a news conference at 9:30 p.m. to discuss details of the case.

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 6, 2008 9:30 p.m.**

WHERE: **Metro Police Barracks, 201 Habersham, Savannah**

WHO: **Chief Michael Berkow**

PLEASE COME TO THE SIDE DOOR (ON OGLETHORPE). MEDIA WILL BE GRANTED ENTRANCE AFTER 9:15 P.M.
THANK YOU.



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For Immediate Release

Police investigating early morning homicide

SAVANNAH, GA (August 15, 2008 9:08 a.m.): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police investigators are on the scene of an early morning homicide. Police received a call around 5:15 a.m. from a woman driving to work who saw the body of a man on the side of the road at 45th and Barnard.

Police responded and found a 28-year-old male with a traumatic chest injury. It has now been determined that he suffered at least one gunshot wound to the chest.

Forensic investigators and Violent Crimes detectives remain on the scene. Police are asking anyone in that area who may have seen or heard anything suspicious early this morning to contact them or CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020.

The identity of the man will be withheld until next-of-kin are notified.

For Immediate Release

Homicide Update

SAVANNAH, GA (August 15, 2008 3:30PM): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have released the name of the man found dead this morning near 45th Street and Barnard. Police have identified the man as 28-year old **RONALD GENE ERVIN Jr.** of Savannah.

Mr. Ervin was found this morning by a commuter going to work. It has been determined that Mr. Ervin suffered at least one gunshot to the chest.

The investigation continues.



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UPDATE: SHOOTING AT BLUN AND CARTER BECOMES HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

SAVANNAH, GA (September 13, 9:35 p.m.): One man is dead after witnesses say gunfire was exchanged between people in two vehicles around the area of Blun and Bowden Streets this evening around 7:20 p.m. Upon arrival, police found a man with numerous gunshot wounds sitting in a white Dodge Avenger at Blun and Carter. He was taken to Memorial University Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. Witnesses say a group of people in a gray car opened fire on the Avenger.

At this time, the victim, a male in his 20's or 30's has yet to be identified. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Metro Violent Crime detectives, or call CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020.

MEDIA ADVISORY

SAVANNAH, GA (September 13, 8:50 p.m.): One man has been taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries after witnesses say gunfire was exchanged between people in two vehicles around the area of Blun and Bowden Streets this evening around 7:20 p.m. Upon arrival, police found one man with gunshot wounds sitting in a white Dodge Avenger at Blun and Carter. He was taken to Memorial University Medical Center. Witnesses say a group of people in a gray car opened fire on the Avenger.

Metro Violent Crimes detectives are on scene along with forensics units. At this time, the victim, a male in his 20's or 30's has yet to be identified. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Metro Violent Crime detectives, or call CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020.

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For Immediate Release

Shooting victim identified

SAVANNAH, GA (September 14, 2008): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have released the identity of a man shot last night around 7:20 p.m. in the area of Blun and Bowden Streets. Twenty-three year old **Jamari Taiwan TILLEY** of Savannah died of his injuries at Memorial University Medical Center last night.

Further investigation has revealed that a bluish-gray car was chasing the white Dodge Avenger that Tilley was driving, when one of the passengers fired several shots at Tilley. After the incident, the suspects fled the scene. Tilley was known to police and had four outstanding warrants -- for Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Reckless Conduct and Discharging a Firearm. Drugs were also found in the car.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact Violent Crime detectives at 912-651-6728 or CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020. Callers to CrimeStoppers can remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward.



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Victim succumbs to gunshot injury

SAVANNAH, GA (September 15, 2008): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have confirmed 22-year-old **James Timothy Smith** died today in hospital. Smith was involved in what police believe was a domestic-related altercation when he was shot at a rooming house in the 400 block of W 35 Street at about 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Violent Crime detectives have identified and interviewed all the parties involved. Officers will now work in partnership with the District Attorney's office to complete the investigation and determine whether charges will be laid.



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Three face charges after robberies and shooting

SAVANNAH, GA (September 18, 2008): Three men are facing charges after a purse snatching and armed robbery/shooting yesterday which led police to stop a vehicle at Savannah Mall during rush-hour yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, the men stole a purse from a woman at Twelve Oaks Plaza. Police recovered the purse last night. Then around 4:00 p.m., police were called to a shooting in the 9000 block of Middleground Road where the three had attempted to rob a man and then shot him in the leg. Witnesses provided an excellent description of the car and suspects.

The car was spotted by Armstrong Atlantic State University Police in the parking lot by Dillard's at the Savannah Mall. SCMPD "HEAT" units conducted a felony stop on the vehicle and all three men were taken into custody. Charges were laid early this morning.

Twenty-one year-old **Abner SANTANA** faces one count of Aggravated Assault, while 22-year-old **Charles NORWOOD** and **Miguel Emile OTERO DIAZ**, 25, each face one count of Aggravated Assault and one count of Armed Robbery. All three have ties to the military locally.

All are expected to appear in Recorder's Court this afternoon.



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Police identify homicide victim

SAVANNAH, GA (September 27, 2008): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have released the identity of the man killed last night in the 8500 block of Waters Avenue. Nineteen-year-old Alfred Aikens Jr. of Savannah was found dead outside his apartment home around 9:45 last night. He had been shot.

Police have reason to believe the victim knew his assailant. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this, or any other crime, is asked to contact the Metro Violent Crimes Unit at 912-651-6728 or CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020.