

1/30/2017 Media Release - Suspect Arrested in January 16th Homicide

Police Investigating Homicide

On January 16th at 3:08 a.m. officers responded to the 700 block of Newtowne Drive for a report of a possible shooting. Officers located an adult male shooting victim in the area. The victim was transported to Anne Arundel Medical Center where he died from his injuries. Detectives are actively investigating this homicide.

The identity of the deceased victim is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective John Murphy at 410-260-3439 or jhmurphy@annapolis.gov. You can also call Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-877-7LOCKUP and submit an anonymous tip. If your tip leads to an arrest or indictment you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

UPDATE – January 17, 2017

The victim of the homicide has been identified as George Forrester, 40, of Severn.

UPDATE – January 24, 2017

Lawrence Montague, 27, of Annapolis is wanted for the murder of George Forrester that occurred on January 16th in the 700 block of Newtowne Drive.

Investigation by Detectives from the Annapolis Police Department, with the help of information from members of the community, led to Montague being identified as the suspect in this homicide. Montague will be charged with first and second degree murder, first and second degree assault, reckless endangerment, use of a firearm in a felony or violent crime and handgun on person. Anyone with information about Montague's whereabouts is urged to contact Detective John Murphy at 410-260-3439 or jhmurphy@annapolis.gov. You can also call Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP and submit an anonymous tip. If your tip leads to an arrest or indictment you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

"The Annapolis Police Department is relentlessly pursuing those who place so little value on human life," said Chief Michael Pristoop. "The community partners with us in this pursuit and we applaud their intolerance of people bringing drugs and violence into their neighborhoods."

"The fact that criminals are not getting away with violent crimes in Annapolis means our additional resources are working," Mayor Michael Pantelides said. "Our plan to combat crime is helping to identify these criminals and will eventually lead to a conviction. That alone will become a deterrent, making these corrupt individuals move out of our neighborhoods."

UPDATE

On January 30th Lawrence Montague, 27, of Annapolis was arrested for the murder of George Forrester that occurred on January 16th in the 700 block of Newtowne Drive.

Detectives from the Annapolis Police Department worked relentlessly to locate Montague. On January 30th, with the help of United States Marshals Service Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force, they located and arrested Montague without incident.

"The Annapolis Police Department has been working this case energetically from the very beginning, and our investigators deserve a ton of credit," said Annapolis Police Chief Michael Pristoop. "We are also thankful for the help and excellent partnership we share with the United States Marshal Service."

"I applaud the Annapolis Police Department's swift arrest of Montague," Mayor Michael Pantelides said. "Getting these criminals off the streets and in jail is one more example of how our resources are working to combat crime in Annapolis."

Montague is charged with first and second degree murder, first and second degree assault, reckless endangerment, use of a firearm in a felony or violent crime and handgun on person. He is awaiting his initial hearing before the District Court Commissioner.

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