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Homicide Arrest

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, 12/20/23, after a lengthy investigation by the Bloomington Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Tomiyale Anderson was indicted for the murder of Kanye Stowers.

On Wednesday, 12/27/23, Tomiyale was taken into custody by the United States Marshals Service, in Chicago. The Bloomington Police Department Street Crimes Unit, Criminal Investigations Division, and the Transportation Security Administration assisted in the arrest.

ARRESTED:

Tomiyale M. Anderson, male, 20, of Hampton, GA

- Murder with the intent to kill or injure (3 counts)
- Attempt to murder with the intent to kill or injure
- Murder with a strong probability to kill or injure
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm into an occupied building

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "The pain of the Stowers family, because of the loss of a loved one, has been felt throughout the police department. The tenacity shown to resolve this case is a testament to the hard work done by the men and women of the Bloomington Police Department. This takes us one step closer to finding justice for Mr. Stowers and his family."

All suspect(s) are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

Previous Release

McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder identified Friday's shooting victim as Kanye A. Stowers, 17, of Peoria, IL. Kanye was pronounced deceased on April 9, 2022 at 12:25 a.m. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Stowers died from a gunshot wound. Toxicology testing is pending.

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This incident remains under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office. At this time, no arrests have been made and there is no suspect(s) information to be released.

Chief Jamal Simington said, *"I want to give my sincerest condolences to the family of the 17 year old shooting victim. Our department is conducting a thorough and complete investigation. We also request that anyone with information to contact Detective Brad Melton at 309-434-2537 or contact Detective Brock Merritt 309-434-2359."*

Previous Release

On Friday, 4-8-2022, at approximately 11:34 p.m., Bloomington Police officers were dispatched to the 400 block of E. Mill St., for a disturbance call for service. Just before arriving at the scene, officers reported hearing shots being fired in the area. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male with a gunshot wound on the steps to the residence. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene, at this time no additional information is being released.

Anyone with information is asked to contact BPD Detectives Brad Melton at 309-434-2537 or Detective Brock Merritt 309-434-2359.

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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