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UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, May 27, 2022

Released by Lt. Rebekah Lynch

During the on-going investigation into the shooting of Stephanie Short and Velma Cubie on May 13, 2022 in Pittsburg, it was determined multiple individuals exchanged gunfire resulting in the death of Short and the injury to Cubie. This investigation led to the development of **19-year-old Dominik Samuel Short**, of Pittsburg, as one of the shooting suspects. An arrest warrant was issued for Dominik Short on May 18, 2022. On May 26, 2022, at approximately 5:34 p.m., Dominik Short was taken into custody without incident, pursuant to this warrant, by the U.S. Marshals and deputies with Greene County Sheriff's Office in Springfield, Missouri. He is being charged with Murder in the 1st Degree, Criminal Discharge of a Firearm at an Occupied Building, Aggravated Battery, and Aggravated Assault. Dominik Short is being held in Missouri awaiting extradition back to Kansas.

This investigation is on-going and anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is urged to contact the Pittsburg Police Department at 620-231-1700, or at our tip line, 620-231-TIPS (8477). Callers may remain anonymous.

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UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Homicide Investigation

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Released by Lt. Rebekah Lynch

Over the course of the last several days, investigators from the Pittsburg Police Department and from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, as well as, agents with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, have actively followed up on numerous leads and have conducted numerous interviews related to the murder of Stephanie Marie Short and the shooting of Velma Marie Cubie on May 13, 2022. A number of search warrants were also executed at various residences in Pittsburg, directly related to this incident. A



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number of arrests have been made by police during this investigation, which are unrelated to the shooting incident.

On May 14, 2022, a search warrant was executed at 111 W. 24th Street in Pittsburg; during which time approximately three pounds of marijuana, distribution amounts of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and a firearm was located. On May 17, 2022, **32-year-old Kentorian Contrell Hamilton**, of Pittsburg, was arrested by investigators on charges related to the search warrant at 111 W. 24th Street. Hamilton was transported to the police station where he was interviewed concerning the on-going homicide investigation. Hamilton was transported to the Crawford County Jail where he was booked in for distribution of marijuana and distribution of cocaine. He was issued a \$25,000 bond and has since bonded out.

On May 14, 2022, a search warrant was executed at 113 W. 23rd Street. During the execution of this search warrant, investigators located two firearms, approximately one pound of marijuana and a small amount of methamphetamine. On May 16, 2022, **30-year-old Steven McArthur Taylor Jr.**, of Pittsburg, was arrested on charges related to this search warrant. Taylor was transported to the police station where he was interviewed concerning this on-going homicide investigation. Taylor was then transported to the Crawford County Jail where he was booked in for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and criminal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Taylor was issued a \$5,000 bond and has since bonded out.

On May 18, 2022, **21-year-old Matthew Robert Watkins**, of Pittsburg, was picked up at his place of employment for two outstanding failure to appear traffic warrants, one out of Pittsburg and one out of Frontenac. Watkins was questioned related to the homicide and later transported to the Crawford County Jail where he remains in custody in lieu of a \$1,320.00 bond.

On May 19, 2022, Pittsburg investigators responded to an address in the 800 block of West Euclid Street to locate a person of interest related to this investigation. Upon arrival a male subject fled the area in a vehicle, and in doing so, struck a police vehicle. Police pursued the vehicle to the 700 block of West 9th Street where it stopped and the driver fled on foot into a residence. Investigators pursued the subject into the residence and was informed he was hiding in the attic. The subject refused to come out of the attic and forceful entry was made through the attic door. The subject was apprehended, without incident, and identified as **47-year-old Michael Allen Wilson**, of Pittsburg.



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Wilson was found to have two active no bond warrants out of Crawford County for violation of bond supervision. Wilson was arrested on the warrants and transported to the Crawford County Jail. He was subsequently charged with felony fleeing and attempting to elude an officer, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, and aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer. Wilson is being held without bond.

On May 19, 2022, while conducting follow up on the homicide investigation in the 800 block of West Euclid, investigators also made contact with **32-year-old Tyler Dornez Smith**, of Pittsburg. Smith was found to have one active warrant out of Pittsburg for failure to appear and one active warrant out of Crawford County for failure to appear. Smith was also interviewed concerning the on-going homicide investigation. He was then transported to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, where he is being held in lieu of a \$2,933.00 bond.

This homicide investigation is on-going and investigators are asking that anyone with information pertaining to this investigation contact the Pittsburg Police Department at 620-231-1700, or at our tip line, 620-231-TIPS (8477). Callers may remain anonymous.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Homicide Investigation

Saturday, May 14, 2022
Released by Lt. Rebekah Lynch

On Friday, May 13, 2022 at approximately 10:45 p.m., numerous 911 calls came into the Pittsburg Police Department dispatch center from citizens reporting multiple gunshots in the area of the 100 block of West 23rd Street. Officers responded to the area and upon arrival located two female victims. Officers attempted to render medical aid to **40-year-old Stephanie Marie Short, of Pittsburg**, who appeared to be suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Life-saving efforts were unsuccessful and Ms. Short was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Another **46-year-old female, identified as Velma Marie Cubie, of Kansas City, Missouri**, was also found to have sustained injury as a result of gunfire. She was transported to Ascension Via Christi Hospital, where she remains in stable condition.



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Initial investigation into this incident led to the identification of a suspect, **39-year-old James Cornell Hamilton, of Pittsburg**. Hamilton was taken into custody by a Crawford County Deputy at the scene. He was taken to the Pittsburg Police Department for questioning related to this incident. Hamilton was later transported to the Crawford County Jail where he was booked in on one count of murder in the first degree and one count of attempted murder in the first degree. A request has been made for Hamilton to be held without bond.

Pittsburg Police, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office continue to actively investigate this incident. Anyone having information related to this incident, or other incidents, is urged to contact the Pittsburg Police Department at 620-231-1700, or at our tip line, 620-231-TIPS (8477). Callers may remain anonymous.

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