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Arrest Made in a Homicide: 3900 Block of Minnesota Avenue, Northeast

(Washington, DC) – Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department’s Homicide Branch have announced an arrest has been made in a homicide that occurred on Saturday, May 15, 2021, in the 3900 block of Minnesota Avenue, Northeast.

At approximately 4:55 pm, members of the Sixth District responded to the listed location for the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, members located an adult male and two adult females, all suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the victims to area hospitals. After all life-saving efforts failed, the adult male victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead. The two adult females were treated for non-life threatening injuries. Additionally, a fourth victim, an adult male, suffering from a gunshot wound, sought treatment at a local hospital for a non-life threatening gunshot wound.

The decedent has been identified as **28 year-old Lester Howard**, of Southeast, DC.

On Tuesday, September 14, 2021, pursuant to a DC Superior Court arrest warrant, members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested **31 year-old Juan Peterson**, of Northeast, DC. Peterson was transported to the Homicide Branch where he was charged with **First Degree Murder While Armed**.

This case remains under investigation.

The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to **\$25,000** to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for each homicide committed in the District of Columbia. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at **202-727-9099**. Additionally, anonymous information may be submitted to the department’s **TEXT TIP LINE** by sending a text message to **50411**.

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