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Arrest Made in a Homicide: 3500 Block of Hayes Street, Northeast

(Washington, DC) – Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department’s Homicide announce an arrest has been made in a homicide that occurred on Saturday, July 9, 2022, in the 3500 block of Hayes Street, Northeast.

At approximately 5:26 pm, members of the Sixth District responded to the listed location for the report of sounds of gunshots. Upon arrival, the members located a juvenile male victim, in a vehicle, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and discovered the victim displayed no signs consistent with life. The decedent remained on the scene until transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The decedent has been identified as **17-year-old Damari Deon Wright**, of Alexandria, Virginia.

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, pursuant to a DC Superior Court arrest warrant, members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) located and arrested **18 year-old Marquelle Hodges**, of Northeast, DC. Hodges was charged with **Second 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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