



Press Release

Homicide

Incident # 21AS01271

Press release prepared by Chief Mark Lineberry

On Thursday at 6:05 pm the Asheboro Police Department responded to the area of the Coleridge Road Apartments in reference to a shooting. Arriving officers found a vehicle that had been shot along with two male victims suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Lifesaving efforts were administered by officers along with other emergency services personnel, however, these efforts were unsuccessful and both males died from their injuries at the scene.

A third victim, a 2 year old child was also suffering from apparent gunshot wounds and was transported to a local health facility. The condition of that child is unknown at this time.

We are early into this investigation and Asheboro Police personnel are still currently on the scene collecting evidence and trying to locate any witnesses. Early indications are this shooting was not a random act and we are actively trying to identify all suspects.

Anyone with information can call the Asheboro Police Department at 336-626-1300 ext. 316

The identity of the victims have not been confirmed at this time and our plan is to update this press release tomorrow as more facts are confirmed.

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Asheboro Police personnel have worked throughout the night collecting and processing evidence. We have conducted interviews and are following up on information received and that continues this morning.

We have received information this morning that the child who was shot is in stable condition.

One of the deceased males is a juvenile, age 16, of Asheboro. The other deceased has been identified as 25 year old Eli Junior Gainey of Asheboro.

I would like to reiterate that it is confirmed that this was not a random act and not domestic related. It is apparent from the investigation that the two deceased were the targets.

If you have any information regarding this incident please call Asheboro Police Department Det. Shore at 336-626-1300 ext. 309 or ext. 316 or you can leave your information with Randolph County Crime Stoppers at 336-672-7463.