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Media Release- Update

Date/Time of Release: 03/24/2022 1630 Hrs

Date of Incident Occurrence: 03/15/2022 0140 Hrs

Nature of Event: Homicide – Suspect Wanted

Location of Event Occurrence: 45 Perrine St.

Media Release Written By: Captain K.J. Platt #3435

The Auburn Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating Shameek Marie Copes, who is wanted in connection for the March 15, 2022 shooting death of John Wesley Smith III. Shameek Copes' whereabouts are currently unknown but various tips have been received that Copes may have fled the state being she has ties to individuals in North Carolina, Texas, Michigan, Georgia, Florida, etc..

Investigation into this homicide has revealed that certain individuals may be involved in assisting Copes to avoid apprehension. Any individual that is found to have aided and/or harbored a person known to have committed a crime, to include murder, may be charged with Hindering Prosecution, a Class D-Felony, which holds a maximum prison sentence of 7 years.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Shameek Copes and/or any additional information relative to this investigation they are asked to contact the Auburn Police Department at phone# (315)253-3231 or email communitywatch@auburnny.gov and/or lead Detective S. DeRosa at phone# (315)255-4706 or email sderosa@auburnny.gov. Callers are reminded that they can remain anonymous.



Shameek Marie Copes

AKA: "Skrizzy", "Scrappy", "Sckrap"

DOB: 03/15/1994

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Height: 5'-01"

Weight: 230 lbs.

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

LKA: 1 Jefferson St., Apt# 1
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