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\$5,000 REWARD ANNOUNCED FOR INFO LEADING TO ARREST OF 17-YEAR-OLD JAHME BARNES, WANTED FOR MURDER



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 8, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of 17-year-old Jahme Barnes, who is wanted on Third-Degree Murder and Attempted Murder charges stemming from the killing of Dakari Rome and the shooting of a 17-year-old male.

Rome's murder occurred on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at approximately 10 p.m. Pottstown Police were dispatched for a call of shots fired in the area of Grant Street and Union Alley. They arrived to find blood stains and several fired cartridge casings. Minutes later, two gunshot victims arrived by separate private vehicles at Pottstown Hospital, where Rome was pronounced dead. The 17-year-old male was treated for a gunshot wound to his hand and was released.

The ensuing investigation by Pottstown Police and Montgomery County Detectives found that the two victims were "hanging out" in Rome's Audi SUV with Barnes and co-defendant Kahseem Williams (who was arrested Sept. 1, 2022 on Third-Degree Murder and related charges), as well as an unknown female. The Audi was being driven by Barnes, and the investigation found that Barnes pointed a gun owned by Williams at the 17-year-old male and shot him in the hand. The bullet went through his hand and struck Rome in the chest. The 17-year-old fled the vehicle and was shot at by Williams as he ran down Union Alley.

Barnes is 4-foot, 7-inches tall, weighs approximately 115 pounds, has brown hair and brown eyes. If anyone sees her, call 911. Anyone with information on Barnes' whereabouts should call Pottstown Police at 610-970-6570 or Montgomery County Detectives at 610-226-5553. Anonymous text tips can be submitted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The STOPit! app can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids, then use code MONTCOPA to get the Montgomery County version of the app.

Approved for release:
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