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HOMICIDE at 1300 Brentwood St (11-18-2020 UPDATE)

HIGH POINT, NC – An investigation into the homicide death of **Frederick Cox B/M 18 of High Point** has revealed additional details related to the shooting. Investigators from the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the High Point Police Department learned that as the crowd from the funeral service began to dwindle, unknown persons (who police suspect was from a rival gang) started shooting, causing immediate panic and fear of the individuals standing outside of the church and sending everyone running for safety. Officers were informed by witnesses that multiple shots were fired from at least two vehicles, a newer model dark gray 4 door Dodge Charger and a white four-door sedan.

Among the crowd outside the church was a Davidson County Deputy in plain clothes who had attended the funeral. The Davidson County Deputy was there as part of his investigation into a homicide that occurred in Davidson County. Upon hearing gunfire, the Deputy began ushering people to safety, and at some point during the incident, discharged his firearm which resulted in the death of **Frederick Cox**.

Due to a law enforcement officer firing their weapon during the incident, the High Point Police Department immediately contacted the SBI and requested that they lead the investigation and allow their detectives to assist until the extent of the Deputy's involvement is established. This is a standard protocol for the High Point Police Department and ensures an impartial investigation is conducted by a neutral party.

Over the last two weeks, investigators have learned:

- Approximately 70 rounds were fired during the incident.
- Shell casings were recovered from four different caliber weapons.
 - 9mm, .40, .45, and .223
- Due to the amount of gunfire, the incident was treated as three different scenes.
- Shots were fired from suspect vehicles during the incident.
- At least one individual in the crowd fired back at the suspect vehicle(s)



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The High Point Police Department will continue to focus on the individuals who started the gunfire and who participated in the criminal events prior to and after the death of **Cox** in accordance with North Carolina's felony murder rule. High Point Police Investigators will continue to focus on identifying the individuals involved in the shooting and pursuing criminal charges against them and their associates. The North Carolina SBI will handle all aspects of the investigation related to the Deputy's firearm discharge.

High Point Police detectives are still in the process of actively investigating this violent and brazen crime that occurred at a church, which, regardless of religious beliefs or affiliation, is traditionally considered a safe space for people to gather without fear of violence. This incident is a reminder as to why High Point PD focuses on people in illegal possession of guns traveling our city in cars indiscriminately shooting.

High Point Police Department remains diligent and focused on identifying those persons involved in criminal activity in High Point and holding them and their associates responsible for their actions. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact Detective Knight at 336-887-7864 or Crime Stoppers of High Point at 336-889-4000 or to Download the P3 mobile app for IOS or Android.

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