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CITY OF BURLINGTON

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| INCIDENT TYPE: 2 nd Degree Murder – Accessory After The Fact | DATE/TIME REPORTED: 04/16/2019 @ approx.. 1433 | |
| INCIDENT NUMBER: 19BU007507 | LOCATION: Burlington, VT | |
| INVESTIGATOR: Det. Dalla Mura | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: 802-540-2286 | |
| AUTHOR: Det. Sgt. Daniel Merchand | APPROVED BY: DC Jannine Wright | |
| SUSPECT: Angelina Pearson-Fitzpatrick | AGE: 54 | SUSPECT ADDRESS: Burlington, VT |
| SUSPECT: Takesha Thomas | AGE: 26 | SUSPECT ADDRESS: Orlando, FL |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION: Arrested and Lodged | | |

NARRATIVE:

The hunt for the suspects who are responsible for the killing of Benzel Hampton, 23, in a shootout in a driveway on North Willard Street on Tuesday Afternoon, yielded four recent arrests. The ongoing investigation into the circumstances of the flight of these suspects in the aftermath has yielded two others.

It has been determined that Angelina Pearson-Fitzpatrick and Takesha Thomas provided aid to suspects Johnny Ford and Brandon Sanders by providing transportation, procuring hotels rooms and are alleged to have discarded clothing used by the suspects during the shooting on North Willard Street.

During the late afternoon of April 19, 2019, Detectives interviewed both Pearson-Fitzpatrick and Thomas. Both had previously been interviewed in Connecticut when Sanders and Ford were arrested. After their interviews, both females were arrested and processed at the Burlington Police Department.

Both females have been charged with Accessory After the Fact for their roles following the murder of Benzel Hampton for the assistance they provided to both Ford and Sanders. Fitzpatrick-Pearson and Thomas were both lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility in lieu of \$25,000 bail and will be arraigned in Chittenden Superior Court on April 23, 2019 at 10:30a.m.



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The Burlington Police Department would like to thank the following agencies here in Vermont for their various roles in assisting with this investigation: Chittenden County State Attorney's Office, US Marshals Service, ATF and the Drug Enforcement Administration.