



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: December Death Ruled a Homicide

The December 2008 death of a Newark woman has been classified as a homicide by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Delaware. On December 4, 2008 at 6:31 p.m., a 911 call was placed by the victim's husband, who reported finding his wife unresponsive in their home in the 800 block of Baylor Drive, Newark.

Responding officers, EMT's, and paramedics found the victim, Shirley June Hollins, who was 64 years old at the time of her death, in a bathroom. Life-reviving efforts were unsuccessful, and Mrs. Hollins was pronounced dead at the scene.

Today, the Newark Police Department received notice from the Medical Examiner's Office, stating Mrs. Hollins death certificate had been signed, and the manner of death was homicide.

At this time, no arrest warrant has been sought, which prohibits the Newark Police Department from publically naming a suspect. However, the Newark Police Department believes this was not a random act, and that the general public is not at risk from the person responsible for Mrs. Hollins' death.

Any information pertaining to Shirley June Hollins should be reported to Det. Tom Maiura at 302-366-7110 ext. 152 or Thomas.Maiura@cj.state.de.us. Information can be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available. Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411.

An additional release of more detailed information is anticipated to occur on or before Thursday May 21.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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