



# KENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## *PRESS RELEASE*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Original: March 13, 2022

New Update: April 20, 2022

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**LOCATION: 3000 Block of 29<sup>th</sup> Street SE**

**TIME: 19:54 hours**

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On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, around 1954 hours, police responded to a shooting complaint near the 3000 block of 29<sup>th</sup> Street SE., within the City of Kentwood. One gunshot victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The identity of the victim is not confirmed at this time. One subject was apprehended near the scene and is in custody. There is no active threat to the community at this time. The incident is currently under investigation by the Kentwood Police Department. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Kentwood Police Department Detective Bureau at 616-656-6604 or Silent Observer.

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## **UPDATED – SHOOTING INVESTIGATION**

**March 15, 2022**

The victim of this shooting has been identified as 13-year-old, Jamarion McCuller. The Kentwood Police Department has met with the Kent County Prosecutor's Office regarding this investigation. At the direction of the Prosecutor's Office, the suspect was released from custody on March 14, 2022, pending further investigation. Any questions regarding this decision or possible charges should be directed to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office.

Because this is an ongoing investigation, the Kentwood Police Department will not be able to provide on-camera interviews at this time.

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## **UPDATED – HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION**

**April 20, 2022**

On April 20, 2022, Justin Amir House (31-years-old) was arraigned for the shooting death of 13-year-old Jamarion McCuller. He was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder in the 62B District Court of Kentwood. The shooting occurred on March 12, 2022, near the 3000 block of 29<sup>th</sup> St SE in Kentwood. On that date, House located a vehicle that he had previously reported as stolen. The occupants inside that vehicle fled on foot and House gave chase. It's alleged that House fired a handgun at the subjects as they ran away. Jamarion McCuller was struck by a bullet and was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy confirmed that McCuller's death was caused by a single gunshot wound.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Kentwood Police Department Detective Bureau at 616-656-6604 or Silent Observer.

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