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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 7600 BLOCK OF EAST TORONTO STREET

*****UPDATE – JUNE 16, 2022*****

The Tucson Police Department has made an arrest in the July 1, 2021 fatal shooting of a mother and her two sons, Willona White, Jaiden White and Talmadge Holmes. Throughout the extensive investigation, which began nearly a year ago, Homicide Detectives identified a person of interest – Willona White’s estranged husband – 46-year-old **John Edwards James**. Collectively, follow-up interviews and forensic analysis resulted in several search warrants obtained by detectives. Detectives ultimately found probable cause to charge John James and on June 15, 2022, he was formally charged. Detectives located John James in the Pima County Jail, where he was being held on unrelated narcotic offenses. He has been charged with 3 counts of 1st Degree Murder and is being held on a bond of \$1,025,000.



John Edwards James

Officer Francisco Magos – June 16, 2022

On the morning of July 1, 2021, the Public Safety Communications Department received a 911 call at approximately 7:45 a.m. reporting a medical emergency. Tucson Fire Medics were dispatched to a residence in the 7600 block of E. Toronto

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St. Upon arrival, Tucson Fire located two deceased males in the home with gunshot trauma. Medics immediately requested police response, and officers from Operations Division East responded. Once officers arrived, they located a third deceased victim, also with gunshot trauma in the home.

Homicide Detectives, along with several other TPD investigative units, responded to continue the investigation. Officers and detectives conducted several interviews at the scene and recovered evidence from the home. Investigators have identified the victims as: 14-year-old **Jaiden White**, 18-year-old **Talmadge Holmes Jr.**, and 44-year-old **Willona Ametrice White**. Their families have been notified. Detectives believe all three victims resided in the home.

Investigators are actively pursuing leads but have not determined a motive; however, it appears that the shooting was an isolated incident and the residence may have been targeted. If you have any information regarding this case, detectives are asking that you call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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