FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Incident Location: 1600 block E. Hunter, Urbana
Date/Time of Press Release: March 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Date/Time of Incident: December 29, 2021, 8:03 p.m.

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION – TWO ADDITIONAL ARRESTS

ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 8:03 p.m., Urbana police officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of Hunter St on the report of shots fired. Officers arrived and located one victim on the ground with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. The victim was identified as a 17-year-old Jordan Atwater-Lewis, a resident of Urbana.

Atwater-Lewis was transported to Carle Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Preliminary investigation into the incident indicated that Atwater-Lewis was approached by multiple people on the street in the 1600 block of E. Hunter St. just before the shooting occurred.

###UPDATE###

As previously reported in a press release published on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, Urbana police detectives located and arrested one of the offenders in the murder of Atwater-Lewis. The arrest occurred in the 1900 block of Austin Drive in Urbana. The arrestee, Andrew Byrd, was arraigned today on first-degree murder charges and is being held in the Champaign County Jail on a $2 million dollar bond.

Based on additional work by Urbana police detectives, two additional suspects were also charged for the murder of Atwater-Lewis today. Both are 17-year-old males. The first juvenile was already in custody at the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center and the second juvenile turned himself in to police. The second juvenile was transported to the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center after he was arrested. Both will be held at the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center pending future court proceedings.

The investigation of this incident is ongoing. Anyone with further information, photographs, or video recordings is encouraged to call the Urbana Police Department at 217-384-2320. Detectives will arrange to meet with witnesses privately. Callers may remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 217-373-TIPS, submit a tip on the Champaign County Crime Stoppers website (champaigncountycrimestoppers.com), or submit a tip on the free P3 Tips app which if available in iTunes and Google Play app stores.

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