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INCIDENT TYPE – Second Degree Murder and Arrest

HIGH POINT, NC – On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., High Point Police Department officers responded to the Wake Forest Baptist High Point Hospital, located at 601 N Elm Street in reference to a death investigation.

Through investigation, it was determined that the victim (F, 21, of Jamestown) was brought to the hospital with an extremely elevated temperature of over 110 degrees and was pronounced dead a short time later. The victim was a cerebral palsy patient and was with her caretaker, Ms. Briea Askew. The High Point Police Department Special Victim's Unit responded and began an extensive investigation. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the victim was left outside in a vehicle unattended for approximately five hours. Excessive heat and humidity contributed to the death, along with the vehicle not having air conditioning.

Briea D. Askew (B/F, 29, of Greensboro) was charged and arrested for Second Degree Murder on August 23, 2021, and is currently being held in the Guilford County (High Point) Jail under a \$200,000 secured bond.



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Askew 2021 booking photo

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