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Chief of Police Kenneth Shultz

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Date: March 18, 2017 (updated March 19)

CONTACT: Watch Commander
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INCIDENT TYPE – HOMICIDE

300 Taylor Ave., Apt. B

At 9:54 AM on 3/18/17 High Point Police responded to a report of a deceased female inside the above residence. Upon the initial investigation, it was determined that Charlene Sade Alvarez, 27 years old, suffered fatal injuries from a violent encounter. Police are currently conducting interviews, but no arrests have been made at the time of this release. It is believed the victim was associated with the suspect and this is not considered a random occurrence.

This marks the 5th homicide in High Point since the beginning of the year.

No additional information is available at this time.

*******UPDATED INFORMATION*******

On 3/19/17 at approximately 8:00 AM Sean Gibson, 28 years old, of 300-B Taylor Avenue was charged with First Degree Murder in this case. Mr. Gibson and Ms. Alvarez lived together at the apartment and had children in common. He is currently being held in the Guilford County Jail without bond. No additional suspects are being sought.



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Sean Gibson, 28 YOA

Anyone with information should contact lead investigator Detective Randy Knight at (336) 887-7864 or Crimestoppers at (336) 889-4000.

Further media inquiries should be directed during regular business hours to Captain Mike Kirk at 336-887-7805 or Lieutenant Rick Johnson at 336-887-7830.



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