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Update on Missing Persons Investigation

Kings Mountain, NC – The Kings Mountain Police Department (KMPD) is providing an update regarding the ongoing missing persons investigation of Angela Jamarica Burris that originated in April, 2021. On February 25, 2025, we received confirmation that previously unidentified human remains discovered in Gastonia, North Carolina, on April 22, 2022, have been identified as those of Angela Jamarica Burris.

Following extensive collaboration between KMPD, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI), and the Gastonia Police Department, it was determined that these remains matched the profile of Angela Burris. DNA analysis confirmed this identification, and the news was shared with her family earlier today. We offer our deepest condolences to the Burris family during this incredibly difficult time.

This particular section of the investigation began in September 2024 when detectives from KMPD and NCSBI agents identified distinctive features on the remains found in Gastonia, which had been entered into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) by the Gastonia Police Department. After conducting a thorough investigation and performing DNA analysis, we can now confirm that the remains belong to Angela Burris.

While current investigations conducted by all agencies involved do not indicate any signs of foul play, we encourage anyone in the community with information—whether small or significant—that could shed light on the events leading up to her death to come forward.

Individuals wishing to provide information are urged to contact the Kings Mountain Police Department at 704-734-0444. To remain anonymous, tips may be submitted through the Cleveland County Crime Stoppers P3 app, or by calling 704-481-TIPS (8477). Additionally, a QR Code is provided below, which will direct users to the P3 tips website for Crime Stoppers.



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