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\$22,000 reward offered in double homicide of mother, 13year-old daughter

TOPEKA, Kan. – An anonymous donor gave Shawnee County Crime Stoppers \$20,000 to be used as an enhanced reward for information leading to an arrest in the double homicide of a mother and her 13-year-old daughter.

In addition to the \$20,000 enhanced reward, Crime Stoppers is offering an additional \$2,000, totaling a \$22,000 reward offer.

On July 14, 2020 shortly after 1:45 a.m., officers with the Topeka Police Department were dispatched to the 500 block of SW 5th St. on a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located two deceased victims inside a residence with apparent gunshot wounds. The victims were later identified as Crystal D. Andrews, 37 of Topeka and Mercedes M. Holford, 13 of Topeka.

Topeka Police later released pictures of a person of interest in the homicide. Police are still seeking information about the person of interest and are releasing additional video (attached).

Crime Stoppers invites community members with any information on the double homicide to call the tip line at 785-234-0007, or visit <u>www.shawneecountycrimestoppers.com</u>. Tips can also be reported via the P3 tips app on your mobile device. The identity of all tipsters is kept strictly confidential.

While Shawnee County Crime Stoppers does not offer enhanced rewards, the organization does accept reward money from citizens or organizations.