



# *Memphis Police Department*

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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On Thursday, July 22, 2010 a family member of Lorenzen Wright filed a missing persons report with the Collierville Police Department. Wright was last seen at his ex-wife's house on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> shortly before midnight.

Through the course of the Collierville Police Department's missing person's investigation, it was discovered that a 911 call was placed from Wright's phone in the early hours of July 19<sup>th</sup>. After extensive examination, investigators determined that the call was made from the area south of Poplar Pike and west of Hacks Cross Rd.

Due to the potential overlapping of several jurisdictions, the Collierville Police Department requested to meet with representatives from adjoining agencies. On Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am Collierville PD, the Germantown PD, the Shelby County Sheriffs Department and the Memphis Police Department's Homicide Bureau met to discuss the investigation.

At this meeting, coordinated by the Collierville Police Department, each agency committed resources to assist in searching for any evidence related to the 911 call and the missing person's investigation.

Collierville and Germantown investigators combed the areas and interviewed witnesses while the Memphis Police Department's Air Support Unit searched the area from the air and the Shelby County Sheriffs Department deployed search dogs in the wooded areas.

At approximately 2:20 PM on Wednesday July 28, 2010 Shelby County Emergency Services Search and Rescue located the body of Lorenzen Wright off of Callis Cutoff between Hacks Cross Rd and Germantown Road in Southeast Memphis. Memphis Police Department Homicide investigators made the scene and took over the investigation. Through identification of dental records, the Shelby County Medical Examiner has officially identified the victim as that of Lorenzen Wright. The cause of death has been ruled as homicide by gunshot wound.

The Memphis Police Department will continue this investigation. As is done in every homicide investigation, investigators continue to work around the clock to bring justice to Mr. Wright and his family.

Additional details will be released when appropriate and available; many details which the media have reported will not be commented on. Maintaining the integrity of all information and evidence related to the investigation of any crime is essential. Leaks and the dissemination of false information can have serious, detrimental effects on the pursuit and prosecution of those responsible for this crime.

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*Anyone with information about this Homicide or any other crime should call Crime Stoppers at [528-CASH](tel:528-CASH). You will be given a secret ID number and your identification will remain completely anonymous.*

*You can also submit your tip at <http://www.528cash.org/> where you will be linked to a secure website at <http://memphis.crimestoppersweb.com>. You will be able to review wanted fugitives and safely send investigators any helpful information on the suspect or suspects responsible for this crime.*

*Or you can text your tip by typing the keyword '[AWARD](#)' to [274637](tel:274637) (CRIMES). If an arrest is made, you could be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$1000 from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

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