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Suffolk Virginia Police Use Social Media to Help Catch A Killer

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (November 12, 2010)—Suffolk Police are using the power of social media to help solve the homicide of a 31 year old city woman. Katina Jones was found dead in her apartment on November 7, 2010.

A person investigators want to talk with in connection with the homicide case contacted Jones by Facebook prior to her death. Now police are using the social media outlet in an effort to track him down. The “Catch Katina’s Killer” Facebook page was established on November 10, 2010. Since then, more than 700 people have joined the site.

Suffolk Police filed felony warrants for 32 year old Larry O’Neal. O’Neal is wanted for one count of credit card theft, one count of credit card fraud and one count of obtaining money by false pretenses for use of Jones’ credit cards shortly after her homicide. O’Neal resides in Texas but had been visiting Portsmouth, Virginia recently. Investigators believe he left the area, possibly traveling by bus to Houston, Texas. O’Neal could be using the name Jamil Jones and he is also known by the name “Tumbleweed”.

Katina Jones was a single mother. She was working two jobs to support her 8 year old daughter. Katina was found murdered in her home after getting off work following the midnight shift.

The Suffolk Police Department encourages all Facebook users to look at the “Catch Katina’s Killer” page and link it to their page. By using this powerful tool, Suffolk Police are sure we can get one step closer to finding Katina’s killer and bringing some measure of closure to her family. The link for the “Catch Katina’s Killer “ Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/suffolkva#!/pages/Suffolk-VA/Catch-Katinas-Killer/174533679229425>

If you know where Larry O’Neal is, please contact the Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up. When calling Crime Line callers do not have to leave their names or appear in court. If a caller’s information leads to an arrest, the caller could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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