



**HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT
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INCIDENT TYPE – MURDER/SUICIDE (MOSSY MEADOW DR) UPDATE

UPDATE: January 9, 2023

HIGH POINT, NC – Three adults and two juveniles died in a murder-suicide at a home in the 2700-block of Mossy Meadow Drive on January 7, 2023.

Investigators determined **Robert J. Crayton, Jr. (B/M, 45)** shot and killed his wife and three children. He died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Officers identified the victims as:

- **Athalia A. Crayton (46)**
- **Kasin Crayton (18)**
- **Juvenile 1 (16)**
- **Juvenile 2 (10)**

All the victims lived in the home. Two other people inside the home escaped.

High Point officers have responded to this address five other times since 2014. Prior to this weekend's incident, the most recent call to the home was January 3, 2022 when officers served an involuntary mental commitment order.

Officers are still investigating a motive. No additional information will be released at this time.

Note: The original press release has been updated to correct the ages of the victims – two juveniles and three adults.

Press Release prepared by: Victoria Ruvio



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HIGH POINT, NC – On January 7, 2023, at 7:05 a.m., High Point officers responded to the 2700 block of Mossy Meadow Drive in reference to two people screaming for help. When officers arrived they came into contact with an adult male and female stating they needed help.

Officers were able to determine that the address was 2734 Mossy Meadow Drive. Officers had to force entry into the home, and once inside, they located five deceased people. Of the five victims, two were juveniles and three were adults. All of the victims were pronounced dead at the scene. This is currently being investigated as a murder/suicide.

There is no information at this time that indicates any threat to the community. This is an ongoing and active investigation. There will not be any other information released at this time to protect the investigation.

Media – there will be a staging area for you at the intersection of Mossy Meadow Drive/Running Cedar Trail. Once on scene, Captain Truitt will brief you and define and coordinate the exact briefing area so that the flow of traffic is not impeded. For incoming media inquiries through the weekend, please email the after-hours email address or call the media line.

The High Point Police Department remains committed to crime fighting, community engagement, training, and professional policing. We will continue to collaborate with our community members and crime-fighting partners to promote a higher quality of life. Anyone with information about violent crime or illegal activity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers of High Point at 336-889-4000 or Download the P3 mobile app for IOS or Android.

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Press Release prepared by: Captain Matt Truitt

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