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### Crime Stoppers Reward for June Homicide Increased to \$25,000

**Sunnyvale, TX** - The Sunnyvale Police Department continues searching for new leads as detectives investigate a fatal shooting in early June. To assist with that investigation, the Crime Stoppers Reward for information leading to an arrest in that case has been increased to \$25,000.

The shooting occurred on the evening of Sunday, June 4 in the parking lot of the Riverstone Apartments, 201 Planters Road. 27-year-old Tyesha Merritt of Mesquite was fatally shot in that incident. Her brother and his three children were injured and have since recovered.

Sunnyvale Police have released [surveillance video](#) from the area that shows the shooter getting out of a late model black Toyota Camry with custom wheels. The [video](#) also shows the injured brother running away from the victim's vehicle. A second video clip shows the suspect vehicle at the intersection of U.S. Highway 80 and Beltline Road, on its way to the scene.

**WARNING: the video and audio depict a violent situation and might be disturbing.**

Witnesses at the scene describe the shooter as a black male, more than six feet tall, about 230 pounds. He was wearing a mask. Another suspect was driving the vehicle, but no description is available.

Anyone with any information about this incident should contact North Texas Crime Stoppers at 1-877-373-8799. Tipsters may remain anonymous and are eligible for a reward of up to \$25,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of a suspect(s).

Chief Bill Vegas will be available for news media interviews from 11 a.m. to noon today at the Sunnyvale Police Department, 364 Long Creek Road. Call 972-203-4199 or email [Bill.Vegas@TownofSunnyvale.org](mailto:Bill.Vegas@TownofSunnyvale.org) to schedule.

*Below is a photo of the type of vehicle involved in the June 4 incident. This is NOT the actual vehicle.*



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