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Subject: ***Major Case Squad Press Release****

On Tuesday February 6, 2024, at approximately 1:04 pm, the Cahokia Heights Police Department received a call of a male subject shot inside a home in the 700 block of Mildred Ave., Cahokia Heights, Illinois. The male victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The victim has been identified as:

Bradford L. Readus

22 years old

Memphis, Tennessee

The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis was activated to investigate this matter. During the course of a 7-day investigation, approximately 15 investigators from the Major Case Squad worked tirelessly on this investigation.

On Wednesday February 14th, 2024, St. Clair County States Attorney James Gomric's Office filed the following charge in reference to this investigation.

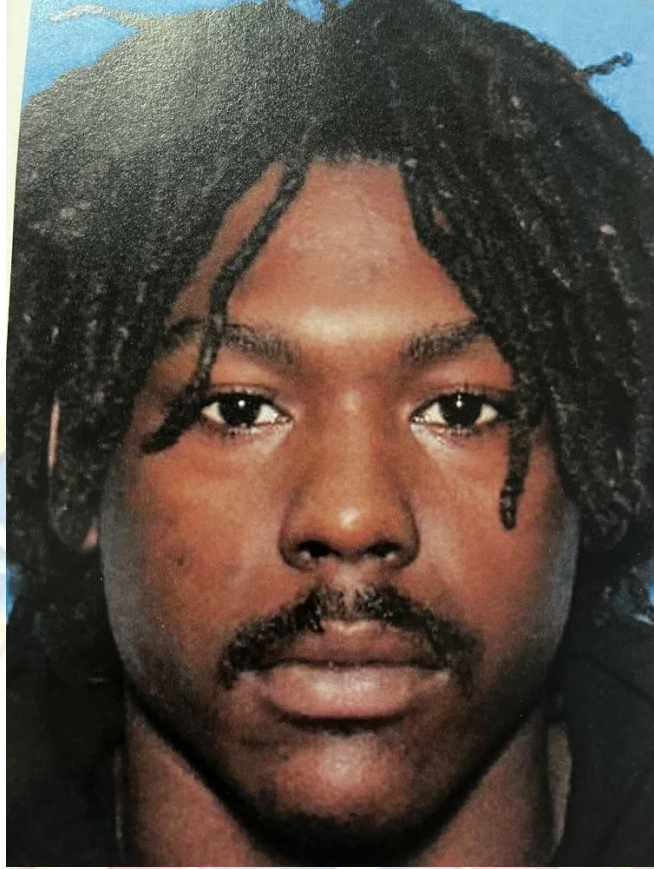
Niko A. Goree

21 year old

Cahokia Heights, IL

First Degree Murder

No Bond



At this time Niko A. Goree is not in custody and his whereabouts are unknown. Goree should be considered armed and dangerous and anyone with information on this case or Niko Goree's whereabouts should contact Cahokia Heights Police Department (618) 337-9505.

The Major Case Squad would like to express their condolences to the family and friends of Bradford Readus. This is an unfortunate, and senseless crime. At this point of the investigation the public should be aware that this incident was not a random act. All individuals are innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lieutenant Robert Thomason
Deputy Commander
Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis