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HOMICIDE OF TEEN

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** Photo of Williams Included

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating the shooting death of a 17 year-old male in the 1000 block of NW 6th Street (Sistrunk Boulevard) at approximately 12:45am today.

Officers were called to the scene regarding shots fired. Upon their arrival, officers located a b/m, later identified as Simmie Lewis Williams, Jr., 11/25/1990, suffering from a gunshot wound(s). Williams was rushed to Broward Medical Center where he was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

Detectives have learned that Williams was dressed as a woman at the time of the shooting and used the nicknames "Simmie", "Chris" and "Beyoncé". Although it is unclear whether Williams was involved in criminal activity, the crime scene location has been known for prostitution involving transvestites.

Witnesses have provided information that Williams and two males were involved in a verbal altercation just prior to the shooting. The duo have been described as young, black males wearing dark clothing. They were seen running from the area after the shots were fired.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide is encouraged to contact Detective Mark Breen at 954-828-5708 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

