

Gastonia *Police Department*

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Jan. 9, 2009, UPDATE: Steven Dorrontae Wingate, 20, of Hartman Street, Gastonia, is charged with first-degree murder in this case. Robbery is a possible motive.

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Homicide

Gastonia Police are investigating an overnight homicide. Police responded to a call in the Bradford Heights Community at 8:55 p.m. The call came in as a home invasion and shooting. Brenda Michelle Costner, 37, was shot once at her residence on Saluda Drive and transported to Gaston Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Police are asking for the public's help in this case. Anyone with information that could help solve this case is asked to call Gastonia Police Detectives at (704) 866-6880 or Crime Stoppers at (704) 861-8000. Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.

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