



SPARKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Chief of Police

Incident: Homicide/Armed Robbery

Case: 09-8861

Incident Date and Time: August 5, 2009 @ 2129

Location: Sparks Middle School 2275 18th st

Victim: Blair, Camryn 18 year old Reno Resident (victim of homicide)
15 year old male juvenile Sparks resident (victim of robbery)
16 year old female juvenile Sparks resident (victim of robbery)

Suspect: Ross, Joshua D.O.B. 04/02/1991 18 year old Reno Resident

Update:

On August 7, 2009 at 1330hrs the victims of the Armed rRobbery in this case came to the Sparks Police Department. The two juvenile victims were interviewed and stated they were at the amphitheater just North of Sparks Middle School talking. Joshua Ross and Camryn Blair approached them wearing bandanas over their faces. Ross pointed a semi automatic handgun at the female and Blair pointed one at the male. They told them they were being robbed and wanted their money. The male victim showed the suspects he had nothing so Ross demanded the females purse. Ross searched through the purse and when he realized they had very little he again raised his gun toward the female. The male victim feared one of them was going to be shot so he shoved the gun Ross possessed away from them. The gun fired and Blair was heard saying "You shot me."

The victims began walking away and saw that Ross and Blair were now walking towards Sparks Middle School. The victims stated they looked back again to see if the suspects were following them and that was when they saw Blair fall to the ground. The victims did not call police that night in fear that the suspect who was still outstanding would see the police at their home and come after them.

Ross was interviewed and admitted his part in the Robbery of the two juvenile victims, the shooting of Camryn Blair, an Armed Robbery several nights earlier and a Residential Burglary in Lemon Valley where the guns were stolen. He has been booked on all charges except the shooting. Charges for the shooting are pending at this time.

This case began on August 5, 2009 at 2129hrs when Sparks Police Officers were dispatched to a shooting call with the report of one down. When officers arrived they found victim Camryn Blair on the ground behind Sparks Middle School. He had a single gunshot wound to his lower torso. Remsa and Sparks Fire personnel immediately began resuscitation efforts. Blair was transported to Renown Medical Center where Emergency Room Physicians attempted to revive him for several hours. At approximately 0210hrs Blair died as a result of the injuries sustained from the gunshot.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Sparks Police Department Detective Division at 353-2225 or Secret Witness at 322-4900

Releasing Authority
Detective Sergeant John Franz