

North Carolina Public Records Act Request

The following information was received in response to a public records request submitted under the North Carolina Public Records Law (G.S. §132-1) by Lives Cut Short. Records were provided by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on January 27, 2025.

CANDID ID: NC_22_1234

Decedent's Name: Brixx Ewing-Meeks

Victim Age: 8 months

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Black

Date of Death: 04/18/2022

Death County: Davie

Cause of Death: Gunshot wounds

Manner of Death: Homicide

Preliminary Circumstances: On April 18, 2022, four family members, including two young children, were found deceased in a residential house fire on Junction Road in Cooleemee, Davie County, North Carolina. Firefighters responding to the smoke discovered the victims after extinguishing the blaze. The deceased were identified as 26-year-old Ashton Brown, 26-year-old Aschod Ewing-Meeks, 4-year-old Bella Ewing-Meeks, and 8-month-old Brixx Ewing-Meeks. Investigators determined the fire was intentionally set and that the adult male died by a self-inflicted gunshot wound after shooting his girlfriend and their two children. The incident is being treated as a murder-suicide.