Harris County Medical Examiner Report

The following information was received from the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences on March 23, 2026.

CANDID ID: TX_25_5078

Case Number: ML25-2764

Decedent Name: Messiah Davis

Date of Birth: 1/8/2013

Date of Death: 7/13/2025

Age: 12 years

Gender: Male

Cause of Death: Shotgun wound of the head

Manner of Death: Homicide

Synopsis: 12yo BM who was inside of his residence with his 9yo sibling, reportedly playing hide-and-seek, when a shotgun was discharged under unclear circumstances. The decedent sustained a SGW of the head (~2 defects). The mother heard the gunshot from outside of the residence and discovered the decedent and shotgun on the floor in one of the tenant's bedrooms. Circumstances were largely unclear at this time as HPD Homicide investigates and interviews.