

Three days after a T.J. High School senior is killed in North Side, his girlfriend gives birth to his son

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Three days after her boyfriend was found shot, lying on the ground in the Providence Park neighborhood, Shaunte Townes felt the pains she had been expecting for nine months. She was going into labor, and she would have to do it without him.

George Carrington IV was born about 10:30 p.m. Monday night at nine pounds. He inherited the name of the father he will never meet.

George Carrington III of Chimborazo Boulevard was found shot near an overturned white Buick sedan Friday at 5:39 p.m. Officers who were in the area for an unrelated incident heard a loud crash and found Carrington. He was pronounced dead at the scene. He was 17 years old, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School.

Police didn't believe it to be a random act and are asking the public's help in locating another 17-year-old accused of killing Carrington. Police have obtained a warrant charging Ishmael D. Brown with murder, according to police.

George Carrington IV is quiet, not like his father when his father was a baby, said his mother, Virnita Carrington. But he looks just like his father, she added.

Nearly half of his room in the family's new home on Chimborazo Boulevard is full of baby items he had purchased with Townes. There is a stroller in one corner, a baby monitor and diapers in another. He was excited to give his baby a Power Wheel, his mother said.

"He worked hard to be able to support his family," Virnita Carrington said. "He was just a good boy. He was a hard worker. There wasn't a malicious bone in his body."

Boxes of tools, gadgets and large speakers crowd the rest of the corners of his room. He had recently gotten a job at Groome Transportation as a mechanic. The Richmond Technical Center helped him get the job, his mother said.

There wasn't anyone the family knew whose car he didn't fix, his mother said. He and his mother would debate over which random gadgets and tools to keep. He wanted to keep everything, she said. There was a



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A framed picture of George Carrington III (right) and his girlfriend Shaunte Townes sits on a table in George's mother's home on Tuesday Nov. 29, 2016. The picture was given out at their baby shower to guests. George was found shot, lying on the ground in the Providence Park neighborhood on Friday.

tattoo of his mother's name on his arm.

"It's sort of like a bad dream," Virnita Carrington said, tearing up as she held his key chain dangling with multiple keys of the many cars he was fixing up.