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Update – Man wanted in connection with Sophia Mason homicide arrested

HAYWARD, Calif., On Saturday, September 10, 2022, at about 1:40 PM, the Hayward Police Department was notified by the Merced Police Department that the man wanted in connection to the murder of Sophia Mason, Dhante Jackson, has been taken into custody.

While the case is still under investigation, we want to express our deepest gratitude to the Merced Police Department and the California Department of Justice for their tireless work to bring this tragic incident one step closer toward justice being served.

Our hearts and thoughts remain with the family and loved ones of little Sophia; we cannot imagine your pain as you continue to mourn her loss.

This homicide continues to be investigated by the Merced Police Department. Any media inquiries should contact Lieutenant Joseph Perez at (209)769-8487 and anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Detective John Pinnegar at (209)388-7712 or email pinnegarj@cityofmerced.org.

Hayward PD Case Number: 22-13287

Merced PD Case Number: 22-14506