



# Atlanta Police Dept. - GA

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Incident Report 250161026-1 (Report 1 of 3)

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Primary Officer: Allen, Jonathan (5430)    Assisting Officer: Benton, Summer (3458)  
Assigned District: Community Liaison Special Projects    Zone, Beat, NPU: Zone 6,604

### Overview

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#### Incident Overview

Incident ID: 250161026    Purpose: Incident Report    Primary Agency: Atlanta Police Department  
Report Date: 01/16/2025    Report Time: 14:43    Incident From Date: 01/16/2025    Incident From Time: 11:15  
Incident To Date: 01/16/2025    Incident To Time: 11:30  
Location: Old Wheat St NE & Jackson St NE, Atlanta, GA, 30312, USA    Location Category: Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk  
Location Note: NOT EXACTLY AT THE INTERSECTION BUT EAST ON THE STREET    Does Date Indicate Report Date?: Yes  
Does this incident involve Family Violence?: No    Reporting Officer BWC?: 1. Yes Video Footage Available  
Did you speak with an Investigator?: No    Did you attempt Fingerprints?: No  
Case Factors  
Case Factors - Check all that Apply: Overdose Suspected  
  
Overdose Information  
Was Narcan Administered?: No    Controlled Substance Used: Other  
Please list controlled substance:  
His friend Rodney said he had taken some crack earlier that morning  
Were Illegal Narcotics on Scene?: No    Was phone or electronic device on scene?: No

### Offenses

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999 - DEATH INVESTIGATION    Author: Benton, Summer

Offense: 999 - DEATH INVESTIGATION    Completion: Completed  
Additional Details  
Offender is Suspected of Using Alcohol, Drugs or Computer Equipment?: No    Criminal Activity / Gang Involvement?: No  
Was Weapon/Force Involved?: No    Was Bias Motivation Involved?: No

### Names

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Witness - Ligon, Steven    Author: Benton, Summer

Involvement  
Role: Witness    Offense: 999 - DEATH INVESTIGATION  
  
Identity  
Type: Description Available    Last Name: Ligon    First Name: Steven    DOB: [REDACTED] 1969    Sex: Male  
Race: Black or African American    Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino



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## Names (continued)

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**Witness - Ligon, Steven (continued)** Author: Benton, Summer

### Relationships

Name: Taylor, Cornelius Is: Stranger

### Contact

Address Type: Home Location: 315 Chester, Atlanta GA Location Note: Work address

Phone Number Type: Home Phone Number: [REDACTED]

### Identifying Documents

ID Type: Driver's License

### Description

Age: 55

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**Victim - Taylor, Cornelius** Author: Benton, Summer

### Involvement

Role: Victim Offense: 999 - DEATH INVESTIGATION

### Identity

Type: Description Available Last Name: Taylor First Name: Cornelius DOB: [REDACTED] 1978 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

### Relationships

Name: Ligon, Steven Is: Stranger

### Contact

Address Type: Home Location Note: Homeless

Phone Number Type: Home

### Victim Details

Victim Type: Individual Victim Was Injured: Yes Type of Injury: Other Major Injury or Affliction

### Identifying Documents

ID Type: Driver's License

### Description

Age: 46

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## Vehicles

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None reported.

## Property

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### Property (continued)

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None reported.

### Narrative by Allen, Jonathan

First Submitted: 01/16/2025 15:29

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On January 16th, 2025 at around 1130 hours, I was at Old Wheat Street and Jackson, assisting The Atlanta Department of Public Works with a Homeless Encampment Cleanup.

We had been tasked with assisting them on account of in the past, some of the Homeless had attacked some of the workers, and we were there to provide protection to the Employees of the City of Atlanta and also to assist as needed with any of the Homeless that needed assistance getting access to resources.

At this particular time, I observed the large earth-moving machine that is customarily used at these types of cleanups take some of the debris and trash that was down the street away. After the driver backed up, I went down on the sidewalk to try and spread the ashes of a burn barrel around to the smoke would dissipate and the workers would be able to continue the work without any sort of fire risk.

While I went down there, I saw a black male waving at me from a tent near where the machine had just removed the trash. I approached the male, and checked on him. I asked the Zone Dispatcher to start me an ambulance, and I gave what information I could when I could give it. He was in clear distress, and I saw that he had a bloody nose. I did not see any other obvious signs of physical hurt, but when I asked him questions, he said that something had fallen on him. I asked him if he could move, and he said he could, so I offered to help pull him out. He gave me his hands, and we pulled him out together. I had his body mostly out from under the collapsed tent he had been in, and I asked him his name. I could not understand all of it, but I know it starts with a "K", something like Kaneeis, and his last name was Taylor.

After I got his name, he declined quickly, and I was unable to get much more out of him. His breathing decreased, and he was emitting a foam out of his mouth.

I stayed with him, trying to keep him awake until Grady came. I conducted a sternal rub and checking for a pulse while we waited.

Grady Unit 728 took him by ambulance to Grady, where he was pronounced dead.

### Narrative by Benton, Summer

First Submitted: 01/16/2025 16:50

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On 01/16/2025, Atlanta Police Homicide was notified regarding a death at 300 Old Wheat Street. APD crime scene photographed and took evidence from the scene.

Detective S. R. Benton and Detective J. Thorpe Jr. will lead this death investigation. The victim was identified as Cornelius Taylor, 10/08/1978.

The investigation continues.