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## US Marshals continue search for Austin homicide suspect sought in cyclist's murder

Black Jeep Grand Cherokee located at Austin dealership

**AUSTIN, Texas –** The U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force has located the black Jeep Grand Cherokee that was registered to homicide suspect Kaitlin Marie Armstrong.

Investigators with the task force learned that Armstrong sold the vehicle May 13 to a CarMax dealership in south Austin for \$12,200 dollars. Armstrong was provided a check from the dealership a day after being questioned by Austin authorities. She departed the Austin airport on May 14.

Armstrong was last known to have been dropped off at the Newark Liberty International Airport on May 18 a day after Austin police issued a homicide warrant for her arrest. She is suspected of killing Anna Moriah Wilson, 25, a Vermont native and world class cyclist, who was in Austin for a race.

During the investigation it was learned through an interviewed source that Armstrong was provided transportation to the Newark Liberty International Airport on May 18. Investigators searched outbound flights at the Newark Airport and no flight reservations have been found under Kaitlin Armstrong.

The U.S. Marshals elevated the case to a "Major" case and is offering up to a \$5,000 reward in addition to \$1,000 cash reward by the Capital Area Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest of Armstrong. An anonymous donor is contributing up to \$15,000 bringing the total combined reward of up to \$21,000.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> Investigators obtained an arrest warrant in the United States District Court in the Western District of Texas for an Unlawfully Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

Investigators believe Kaitlin Marie Armstrong, 34, was at the Austin International Bergstrom Airport on May 14 at approximately 12:30 p.m. She boarded Flight #WN2262 from ABIA to Houston Hobby Airport and then boarded a connecting Southwest Airlines Flight #WN30 to New York LaGuardia Airport.

Austin police issued a homicide warrant May 17 for Armstrong, who is suspected of killing Anna Moriah Wilson, 25, a Vermont native and world class cyclist, who was in Austin for a race.

Police responding to a call at the East Austin residence discovered Wilson bleeding and unconscious from multiple gunshot wounds. They performed CPR on her, but she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Austin Police Department requested assistance from the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force – Austin Division to locate and apprehend Armstrong, who is an Austin resident. Members of the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force are actively conducting a fugitive investigation and pursuing leads on the whereabouts of Armstrong.

Armstrong is white, stands 5 feet 8 inches and weighs approximately 125 pounds. She has light brown long, curly hair and hazel eyes and was last seen on surveillance video wearing a blue denim jacket, black shirt with a pink design on the chest, white jeans, black and white tennis shoes, a black COVID mask, and a possible yoga mat carrier on her shoulders.

Anyone with information on Armstrong's whereabouts is urged to contact the U.S. Marshals Service Communications Center at 1-800-336-0102 or submit a tip using the <u>USMS Tips app</u>.

Tips may also be sent to the Capital Area Crime Stoppers at 1-800-893-8477.

## Members of the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force in Austin –

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