

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1042

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A RESOLUTION relative to the shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville on March 27, 2023.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2023, Audrey Hale shot and killed three students and three staff members at the Covenant School in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd), to date, has refused to release pertinent information relative to such shooting to the public, including:

(1) A full and complete list of any and all the members, officers, and supervisors previously or currently assigned to the investigation, whether assigned on March 27, 2023, or afterward;

(2) Any and all reports made to supervising officers by members of the MNPd assigned to and participating in the investigation, and the date such report was filed;

(3) Any and all search warrants that have been requested as a result of any and all investigations of such shooting, with the date such request was made included;

(4) Any and all search warrants executed and searches conducted as a result of the investigation of such shooting;

(5) Any and all searches executed as a result of the investigation of such shooting;

(6) Any and all items seized as a result of the execution of any search warrant by the MNPd and obtained as a result of its investigation;

(7) A full and complete list of any and all persons of interest who have been identified during the course of the investigation of such shooting, with actual names omitted and numeric identification substituted in order to protect the investigation;

(8) A full and complete list of the total number of persons of interest (omitting their names) and the dates of any and all interviews of any person of interest occurring as a result of the investigation into such shooting;

(9) Any and all records indicating when the investigation of such shooting was concluded;

(10) In the event that the investigation of such shooting has not been concluded, any and all documents outlining the categories of items that are still being actively investigated; and

(11) Any and all analyses, reports, or other information obtained from the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit as a result of their analysis of the writings of Audrey Hale; and

WHEREAS, the public's right to know is protected by the freedom of the press as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and it is imperative that the aforementioned information relative to the shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville on March 27, 2023, should be released to the public as soon as possible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that it is the sense of this General Assembly that the above delineated information relative to the investigation of the shooting by Audrey Hale at the Covenant School in Nashville on March 27, 2023, should be immediately released to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our extreme disappointment in the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's failure to release such information in a timely manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department.