



Attorney Ben Crump Retained by Family of Alegend Jones, Teen Brutalized to Death in Memphis Group Home

Crump will hold a Wednesday news conference with Alegend's family

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Nationally renowned civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump has been retained by the family of Alegend Jones, a 17-year-old Black teen who lost her life after an incident at Youth Villages, the youth group home where she resided. Witnesses claim that Alegend was brutally assaulted, battered, and choked before her transport to Methodist Germantown Hospital, where she died.

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) is investigating the death.

Attorney Crump released the following statement:

"The details surrounding Alegend's death are both shocking and heartbreaking. No family should have to endure the pain of losing a child under such horrific circumstances.

"We demand a thorough and impartial investigation into the events that led to Alegend's tragic death, including the public release of any and all footage from the Youth Villages. Her family deserves answers and justice, and we will continue to work on their behalf to ensure that those responsible for these heinous acts are held accountable.

"This heartbreaking loss once again underscores the urgent need for accountability and reform within our systems that are meant to protect and care for our young people – young people like Alegend Jones."