

Police seek Detroit woman who killed a man while shooting at motorist

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DETROIT -- Police are looking for **a 35-year-old woman who killed a man** that was walking with his great-nephew when she shot **at a motorist who** bumped her car.

Nicole Andretta Ecckles of **Detroit** is named in an arrest warrant with one count of first-degree murder, carrying **a** concealed weapon and for being **a** felon in possession of **a** firearm.

Detroit Police investigators said that Ecckles and **a man** argued June 18 **at** Linwood and West Davison and the **man** threw something **at** her car, damaging it.

She became upset and fired **a** shot **at** the **man** , but missed, **police** said. That bullet struck 49-year-old Edward Houston **as** he walked south on Linwood with his 4-year-old great-nephew. Houston died from the shot.

Ecckles fled the area in **a** white Ford 500.

Rosana Bines, Houston's aunt, said he was **a** family **man who** was bringing back **a** prescription for his sick mother when he was shot. He lived with his mother and helped to care for her because she suffers from diabetes and arthritis.

"He was very kind-hearted," Bines said. "He loved his mother and was there to help her out."

Houston was unmarried and had no children. He worked **as a** security guard **at a** store in the area so he could be close to his ailing mother, his aunt said.

Bines said the nephew was unharmed in the **shooting** . She said the boy and his mother lived with Houston and his mother in the neighborhood where the **shooting** occurred.

She said the boy was **a** fixture **at** his uncle's side and often asked to go places with him.

"Whenever he (Houston) walked out of the house, he wanted to go with him. "He was **a** doting uncle to all of his nieces and nephews."

Bines said the **shooting** was shocking and that Ecckles needs to surrender to **police** .

"She needs to come forward and be responsible for her actions," Bines said. "You can't do things on impulse or because you are angry. She has caused **a** lot of people **a** lot of grief."

Houston is survived by **a** brother, five sisters and numerous other relatives. **A** memorial service was held Friday and his body has been cremated.

Those with information can call **Detroit Police** homicide investigators **at** (313) 596-2260 or (800) SPEAK-UP.

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