

Husband of Former Miss Mississippi Killed While Sharing Gospel in Rough Alabama Neighborhood

A man was shot to death in Montgomery, Alabama, as he was reportedly sharing the gospel over the weekend.

Thomas Hand Jr., 37, was the husband of former Miss Mississippi Christine Kozłowski Hand. He died at the scene of the crime in front of his two-year-old child, WLOX-TV reported.

Some outlets report his wife and child were both with him, with the Daily Mail proclaiming he was sharing his Christian faith with individuals in a rough Alabama neighborhood at the time of the attack.

Sources told the outlet Hand was discussing faith on Saturday when a mumbling man approached and decided to open fire. A 17-year-old named Jerimiah Walker was reportedly arrested and charged with capital murder.

"What you said is true," Christian Kozłowski Hand reportedly said in a brief statement to the Daily Mail. "It was a complete random act of violence."

Hand, pregnant with the couple's second child, took to Facebook Jan. 23 to thank friends and loved ones for reaching out and briefly updating everyone on what unfolded.

"Thank you for all of the thoughts and prayers during this time of the passing of my husband Tommy Hand," she wrote. "I feel the love and support from everyone and just wanted to let everyone know that indeed Tommy was shot and killed last night

on Texas Street in Montgomery.”

Hand said she welcomes the messages but is “overwhelmed” by questions and the need to retell what unfolded.

“I will at a later date release more information to explain everything to everyone,” she wrote.

Hand asked supporters of her husband’s business, Hand Nutrition, to remain with the family and pledged to continue serving them. {eo}

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