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## ***Story Two - Public Reaction***

University of Alabama athlete Darius Miles has been indicted with capital murder concerning a deadly shooting near the campus. According to a police statement, Jamea Harris was shot early on the morning of Jan. 15. Americans have since expressed grief for the incident and extended condolences to Harris' family and friends. "I have heard about the situation. It does not sit well with me," said Kerry Donovan, a sophomore at the university.

Miles played as a forward for the Crimson Tide basketball team. The community is still shocked and in disbelief that a celebrated figure would be charged with murder. The incident is thought to happen over an ex, which Rocco Zunnino, a freshman at the campus, reported. "It's crazy to think that someone held at such a high standard, being an athlete at this school, would throw away his life over drama about a girl," says Zunnino. Harris, a Birmingham resident, was in Tuscaloosa with her boyfriend to see her relative at the campus when the shooting happened, according to police.

While many have condemned the incident, others have empathized with Miles citing that it was not a deliberate event. "It was an incident out of rage, not purposeful," thinks Donovan. Some students on the campus are concerned that Miles was not acting alone, "My thoughts are that he got in with the wrong crowd," says Megan Hutson, a freshman.

Speaking to this individual, Christopher Ricco, a sophomore at the University of Alabama, condemned the action decrying community insecurity. "I feel disappointed as a member of our community. When you hear about our university now, that is the first topic that

comes up,” he states. “When they released who it was, it was all anyone could talk about. I was shocked,” says Austin Clergy, a junior at the university.

Miles has since been expelled from the university and the Crimson Tide team. Alabama has released a statement asserting that the university’s priority is the campus community’s safety. The original preliminary court date was set for February. 7; however, has since been delayed by the judge.