



Cuffed and Killed?

TERESA CARTER isn't buying an Arkansas police department's story that her son, Chavis Carter, committed suicide while handcuffed in a police car. "Nothing in this world can make me believe that," she tells JET. "He wasn't suicidal."

On July 28, Carter, 21, and two other men were pulled over in Jonesboro. Officers discovered \$10 worth of marijuana and ran a background check, which revealed an open Mississippi

arrest warrant that led to Carter being taken into custody. He was handcuffed and placed in the back of a squad car, while his friends were allowed to leave. According to police reports, Carter's body was discovered a few minutes later with a gunshot to the head. His hands were still handcuffed behind his back. Although no weapons were found during his arrest, a .380-caliber Cobra semi-automatic handgun was discovered next to Carter's body.

Despite public outcry, Jonesboro Police Chief Michael Yates has identified the case as a suicide. In response to skeptics, Jonesboro Police released a reenactment video on Aug. 14 showing how Carter could have killed himself while still handcuffed. JET's calls to Chief Yates' office weren't returned.

Neither the FBI, who is investigating the case, nor the Jonesboro Police have contacted Carter's mother with updates about her son's death. "If someone else pulled that trigger and put that gun to my son's head I want them arrested," she says. "I want justice for what happened to him." —*by Aisha I. Jefferson*



Formula for Disaster

• **A NEW PARENT'S** worst nightmare realized. Shipments of Nanshan Bywise baby formula from China-based Hunan Ava Dairy Industry Co. were recently found to contain aflatoxin, a mold-producing natural toxin. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the potentially deadly carcinogen can lead to liver cancer if consumed

in large quantities. At press time, it's unknown whether any babies ingested the affected product. To help prevent future occurrences, FDA spokesman Curtis Allen says, all facilities manufacturing baby food for the U.S. market are inspected annually, which reduces the likelihood of using a contaminated ingredient in their products. —*by AIJ*