

## TYESHA GILLS

THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE REMEMBERS TYESHA GILLS MINNESOTA'S 27TH CONFIRMED VICTIM OF INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE IN 2021.

## WE REMEMBER

TyEsha Gills, 20, was shot and killed in Austin on July 31, 2021. Me'darian Mcgruder was convicted of second-degree murder in February 2024 for killing TyEsha. The two had begun dating several weeks before he killed her. Officers were called the morning of July 31, 2021 to the home TyEsha shared with a family member, where they found her dead of a gunshot wound to the chest. The family member stated that while they, TyEsha, and Mcgruder were hanging out in the home, Mcgruder had twice threatened to shoot TyEsha before doing so, at one point also getting out his gun and chambering it. Mcgruder has a documented history of domestic violence against a previous partner and was prohibited from possessing a firearm when he killed TyEsha.

TyEsha's family stated that she had been "on a road to building her own business in the hair salon industry."

