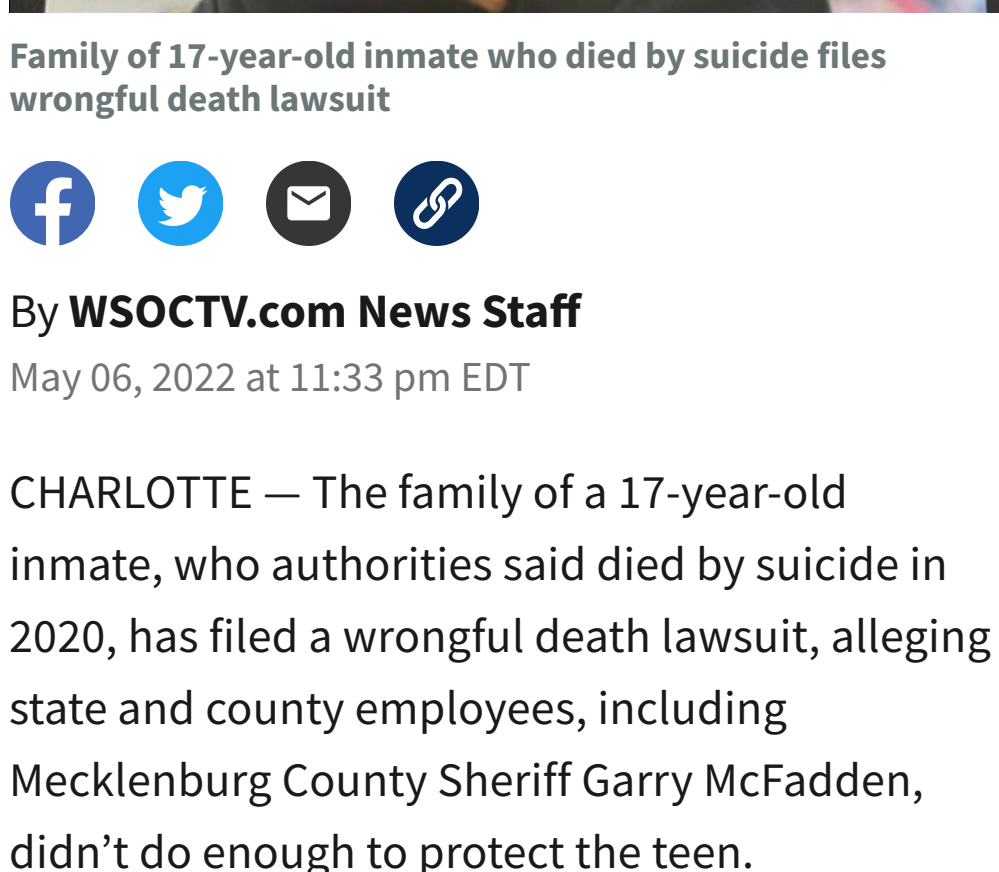


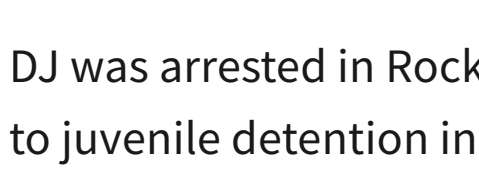
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CHARLOTTE — The family of a 17-year-old inmate, who authorities said died by suicide in 2020, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit, alleging state and county employees, including Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden, didn't do enough to protect the teen.

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DJ was arrested in Rockingham County and sent to juvenile detention in Alexander County. He was then sent to Mecklenburg County's Jail North on Nov. 20, 2020.

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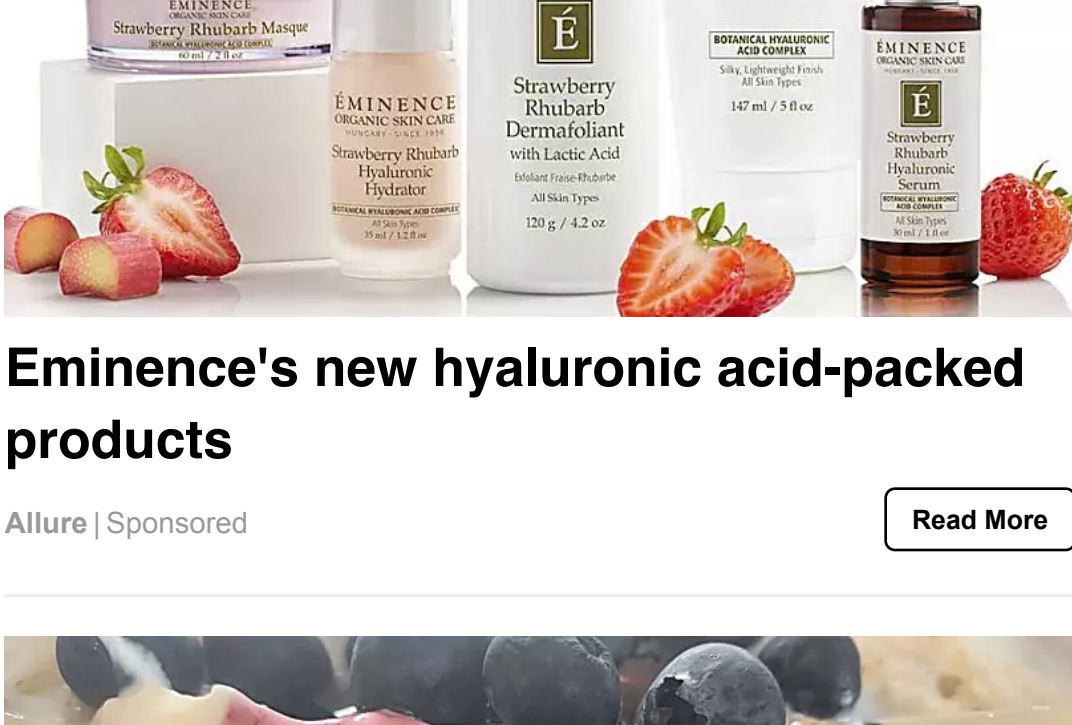
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That night, his mother, Adriana Blackwell, said she spoke to him by phone.



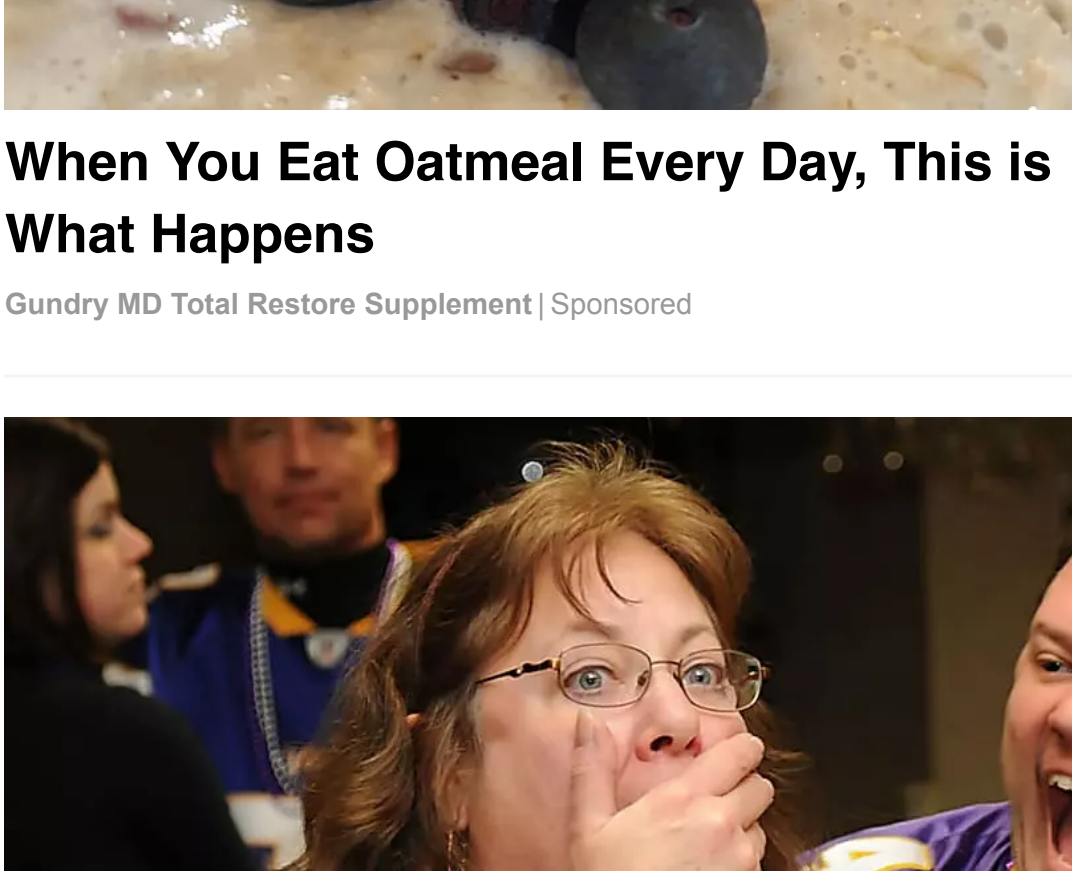
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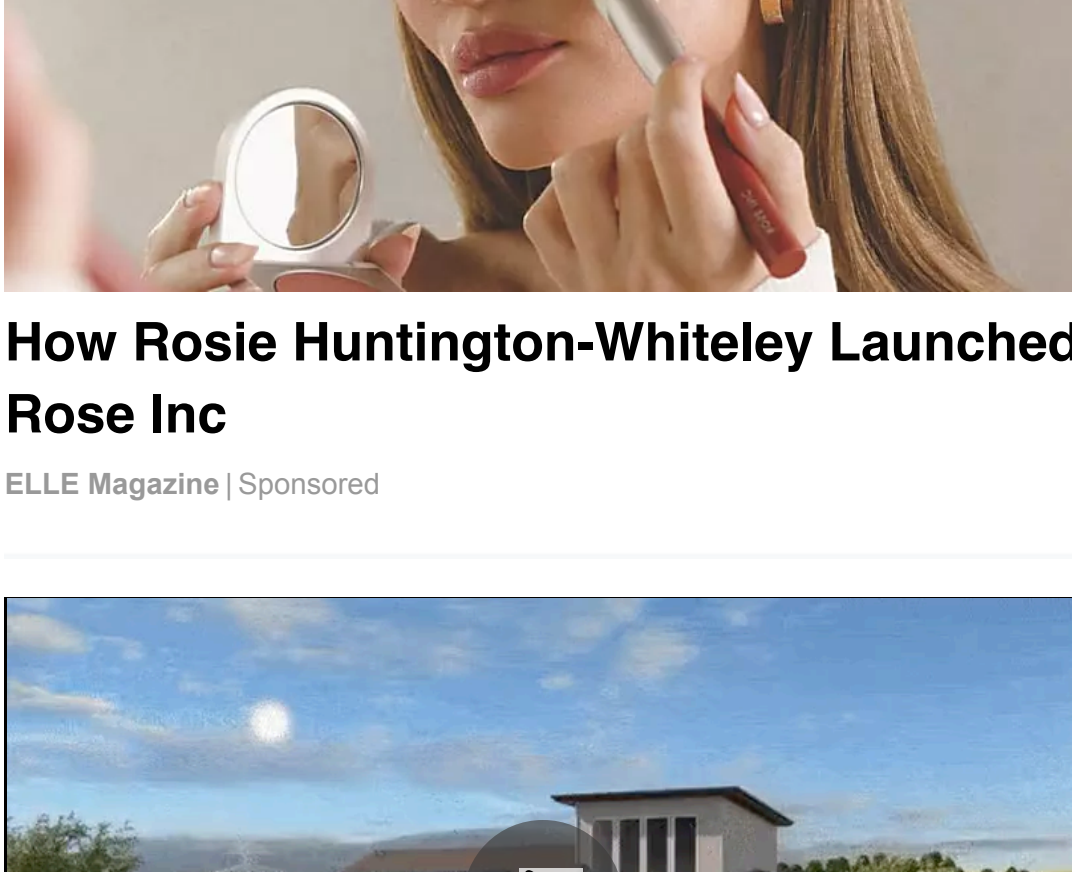
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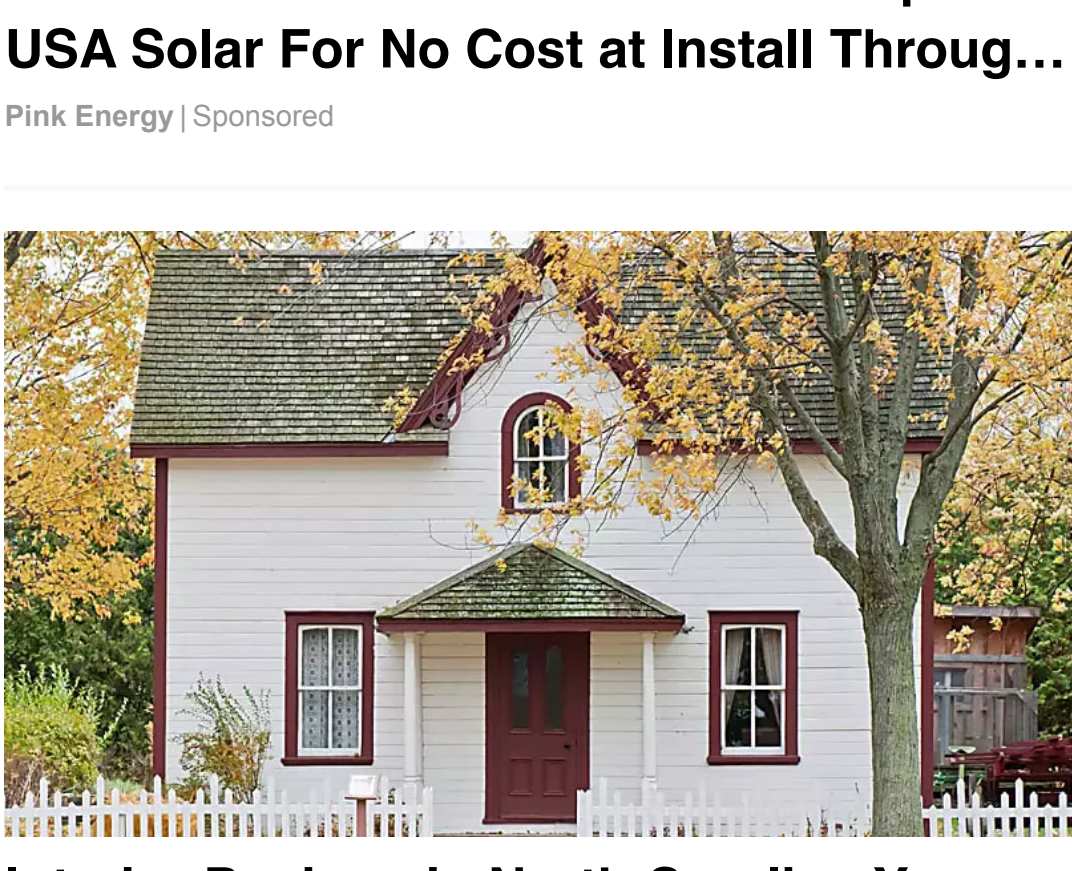
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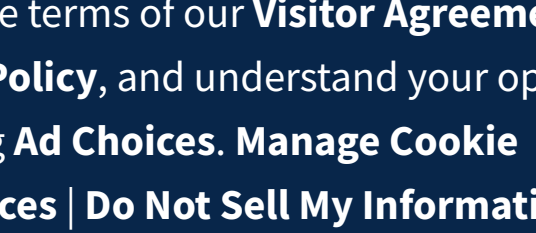
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