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Crime Stoppers tip leads to Homicide Arrest



Shreveport Police Homicide detectives have made an arrest in the murder of one man and the attempted murder of two others at a west Shreveport hotel back in mid-July.

Just after 1:00 a.m. on July 19, 2020, Shreveport Police Patrol officers were dispatched to 5020 Hollywood Avenue to the Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Hotel on reports of a shooting. Arriving officers located two men 23-year-old Ha'Shoun Collins and a 25-year-old man suffering from gunshot injuries to their upper body. Both were transported to Ochsner LSU Health where the Collins later died. The 25-year-old continues his recovery. Shortly after medics arrived with the first two victims, a third victim (22-years-old) arrived with a non-life threatening injury to the arm. He disclosed that he was also shot during the ordeal at the hotel. He is also continuing his recovery.

Investigators with the Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Units were summoned to the scene. CSIU collected evidence and detectives began interviewing witnesses. They learned that the three victims were guests of the hotel and were in town on vacation. They were involved in a verbal dispute with a black male and that male produced a handgun and began firing multiple shots at the victims, striking all three. The suspect was part of a large group of people, both males and females, and they all entered into multiple vehicles and fled the scene flowing the shooting.

Investigators worked tirelessly to identify the shooter and through many investigative means, including a tip from the Shreveport-Caddo Crime Stoppers organization, ultimately identified a 17-year-old male juvenile as the person they believe solely responsible for the shootings. Detectives believe that the victims were present while an associate of the shooter was burglarizing a vehicle. The 17-year-old suspect asked the victims to "lookout" for them while they committed the burglary and the men refused, not wanting to be a part of a crime. The 17-year-old shooter later confronted the victims but they would not engage them in a fight and left the matter with a handshake telling them that they did not want any problems. As they turned around to return to their hotel room, the 17-year-old produced at least one handgun and began firing multiple shots at the three men. The victims had no association with the suspect or his acquaintances who were present during the shooting.

On August 14, 2020, detectives procured OTTIC's (Orders to Take Into Custody) charging the juvenile offender with one count of Second Degree Murder and two counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder. On August 19, 2020, members of the U.S. Marshals Violent Offender Task Force took the juvenile into custody in north Shreveport. Following interviews with investigators, he was booked into the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center.

Detectives are now in the process of locating the individuals that were with the 17-year-old. They are encouraged to contact the Shreveport Police Department's Homicide immediately at 318-673-6955.