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Arrest made in domestic related homicide

Detectives with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit have made an arrest in connection with the murder of a woman in south Shreveport.

On June 4, 2020, just after 3:45 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to reports of a welfare concern at an apartment complex in the 9300 block of Mansfield Road. Family members reported that they were unable to contact 29-year-old Shameika Robinson for a couple of days and were concerned about her. Officers arrived at the apartment and found the door to the apartment slightly open. They entered the residence and located Robinson inside. She had suffered multiple gunshot injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Patrol officers secured the crime scene and contacted investigators.

Investigators with the Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Units responded. Crime Scene investigators collected evidence and Homicide Investigators began interviewing witnesses. Through interviews and evidence gathered at the scene, they were able to identify Robinson's boyfriend, Benjamin Franklin (2-8-1998), as the individual they believed responsible for the murder. Detectives along with the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force located Franklin at his residence in the 9400 block of Blom Boulevard and took him into custody without incident.

Detectives with the Tactical Robbery Unit had also identified Benjamin Franklin as a possible suspect in the May 6, 2021, armed robbery of the Circle K convenience store in the 7900 block of Youree Drive.

Following interviews with investigators, Franklin was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count of Second Degree Murder and one count of Armed Robbery with a Firearm.

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