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Police continue investigation into shooting



Suspect Xavier Thomas

Investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit continue to piece together the events that led to the shooting of a man outside of a local restaurant yesterday.

Just after 2:00 pm on October 30, 2017, Shreveport Police officers responded to reports of a shooting at M.J's Culinary Cuisine in the 2500 block of Hollywood Avenue. Officers arrived to find one subject, later identified as Tacorey Banks, 17, suffering from one gunshot wound to the head. Banks later died as a result of that injury.

Through their investigation, detectives learned that Tacorey Banks, Darrien Miles, 17, of the 7700 block of Ballentine Circle, and Xavier Thomas, 17, of the 1500 block of Parker Street, were allegedly burglarizing the victim's vehicle which was parked behind M.J's Culinary Cuisine. The victim confronted the suspects, which led to an exchange of gunfire. Banks was struck once during the encounter and Miles and Thomas fled on foot. Officers pursued Miles on foot as he ran away from the business. He was taken into custody in the 2700 block of Murray Street a short time later.

On October 31, 2017, just after 10:30 am, investigators and patrol officers took Xavier Thomas into custody at a home in the 1500 block of Parker Street. While inside of the residence, investigators recovered one handgun believed to be the one used in yesterday's shooting and items they believed were stolen during the vehicle burglary.

Miles was charged with one count each of Simple Burglary and Resisting Arrest. Thomas was charged with one count each of Simple Burglary and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. Both were booked into Shreveport City Jail.

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