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Police make arrest in Sunday homicide



Suspect Tonnie Williams

Shreveport Police have charged a man in connection to the Sunday night slaying of a local man.

Just after 10:30 pm on November 5, 2017 Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to reports of a shooting at Fair Park Terrace Apartments in the 3400 block of Mertis Avenue. Officers arrived to find 42-year-old Bryan Gates suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. Gates was transported to University Health Hospital where he passed away a short time later.

Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit responded and launched their investigation. Through witness interviews and evidence collected from the scene detectives learned that the victim and a subject only known by the alias of "Joe" or "Junkman Joe" engaged in an argument and "Joe" allegedly produced a weapon and shot the victim at least once in the chest. "Joe" was later identified as Tonnie Williams, 47, of the 3300 block of Exposition Avenue. Tonnie surrendered himself to Violent Crimes investigators late last night and was booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count of Second Degree Murder.

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