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Man charged in double slaying



Suspect Dewayne Wille Watkins

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Shreveport Police detectives have arrested and charged a Shreveport man in connection with the slayings of two people found inside a burning vehicle on last week.

Back on November 8, 2018, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to the 3400 block of Penick Street relative to a vehicle fire. It would be learned upon extinguishing the blaze, two bodies were inside. While scientific identification efforts remain underway, the bodies have been preliminarily identified as 43 year old Kelly Jose and 33 year old Heather Jose; both local residents. Authorities suspect the couple was murdered after giving a ride to a man they met while out shopping.

Since the investigation began, detectives and officers from the Shreveport Police have worked tirelessly in search of evidence and information in effort to identify and arrest the person responsible for the crime. Those efforts came to fruition on November 10, when investigators were able to establish probable cause to procure a warrant for the arrest of 34 year old Dewayne Wille Watkins, along with a search warrant for his Penick Street home where he was later located. With the assistance of authorities from the United States Marshals Office, Louisiana State Police, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and the Bossier City Police Department, Watkins was arrested Saturday evening following a standoff which lasted nearly six hours inside a home in the 3600 block of Penick Street. Watkins suffered minor injuries during the arrest after failed attempts to flee from officers. Following his arrest, he was booked into the Caddo Parish Correctional Center on a warrant charging him with two counts of second degree murder. Bond in the matter has been set at \$1,000,000.00.

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