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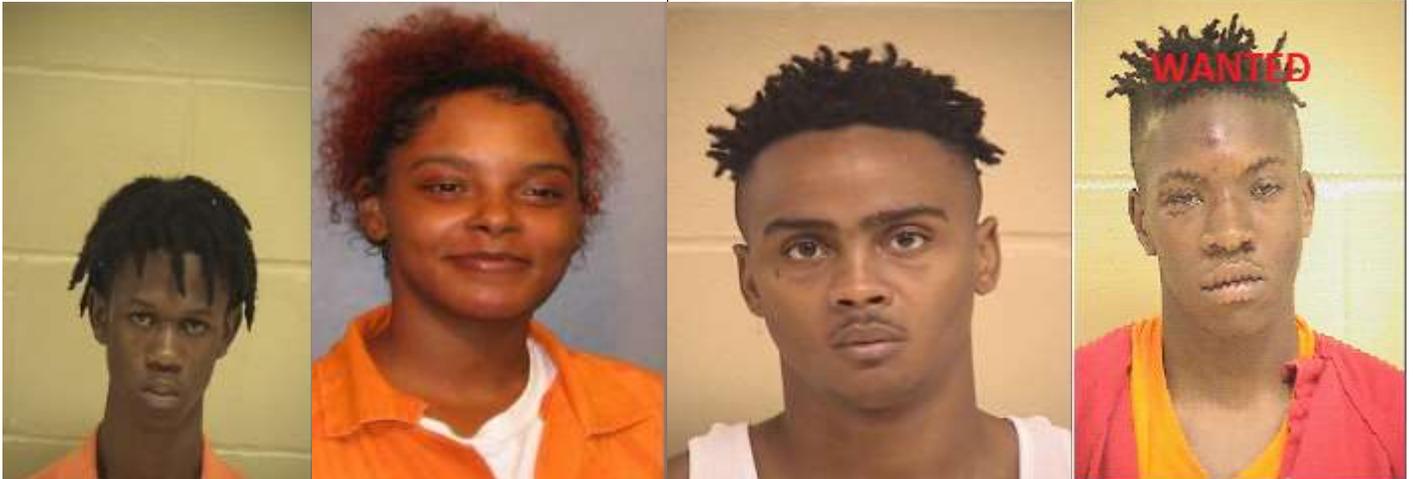
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Arrest made in connection with the shooting of two juveniles



De'Marrea Taylor

Kiara Cruze

Ricky Sanders

Brandon Robertson

Investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit have made arrests in connection with the late May shooting of two juveniles in west Shreveport.

On May 31, 2020, just after 9:00 p.m., Shreveport Police responded to reports of a shooting in the 5900 block of Tulsa Avenue. Arriving officers located a 17-year-old juvenile with what was described as a life-threatening gunshot injury to the upper body and an 11-year-old juvenile with what was described as a non-life threatening gunshot injuries inside of a dark colored sedan. Both were transported to Ochsners LSU Health Shreveport for treatment. The 17-year-old remains hospitalized.

Detectives immediately launched an investigation and through witness interviews and evidence gathered at the scene, they deduced that the two juveniles came to a residence in the 5900 block of Tulsa Avenue to rob a female of her narcotics. The female, later identified as 26-year-old Kiara Cruze, and three men, 18-year-old Brandon Robertson, 26-year-old Ricky Sanders, and 18-year-old Demarrea Taylor were in the front yard of the residence. The three men, Robertson, Sanders, and Taylor were also planning to rob the juveniles. When the juveniles arrived, an exchange of gunfire erupted. Only the two occupants of the vehicle were injured

In the weeks that followed detectives procured search warrants relative to the matter, one on South Kirkwood Drive in west Shreveport. None of the suspects were at the home but investigators and agents seized over \$550,000.00 in illegal narcotics.

The following arrests were made:

1. 18-year-old De'marrea Taylor – (1) count of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, (1) count of Illegal Possession of a Stolen Firearm, (3) counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, (1) count of Possession of Schedule I CDS, (1) count of Possession of a Firearm with CDS, (1) count of Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling, (1) count of Obstruction and Resisting. (Arrested June 15th)
2. 26-year-old Kiara Cruze – (1) count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule I. No Bond (arrested June 9th)
3. 26-year-old Ricky Sanders - (1) count of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery. No Bond (arrested on June 3)

18-Year-Old Brandon Robertson Jr of the 3400 block of Frederick Street has a warrant for (1) count of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery in connection to the incident. He has no bond set. Those with information on Robertson's whereabouts are asked to call detectives at 318-673-6955 or Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373, Lockemup.org, or via their app, P3Tips.

The investigation is still ongoing and more charges are expected. No further details will be released at this time.