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Texas man murdered outside of east Shreveport night club, suspect deceased

A Texas man is dead following an early morning homicide in the parking lot of a night club in the 3000 block of Girard Street in east Shreveport.

On December 16, 2022, just after 2:00 a.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to the 3000 block of Girard Street on reports of a man behind a dumpster suffering from severe head trauma. He was pronounced deceased on the scene. He was positively identified through fingerprints as 61-year-old Michael Grace. The cause of death will be determined following an autopsy.

Investigators with the Violent Crimes Unit and Crime Scene Units responded to the scene and launched their investigation. Detectives canvassed the area and spoke with witnesses and Crime Scene collected items of evidence to include video surveillance footage. Investigators were able to identify one subject that they believed had direct knowledge of the incident. Jason Brook 7-17-1972 was questioned by investigators and later booked into the Shreveport City Jail on one count of Failure to Report a Felony.

Early in the investigation investigators were able to name William Colby Sirman (8-4-1992) as the person they believed responsible for Grace's murder, and they began their search.

Hours later, just after 9:45 a.m., a citizen located the body of a man in a drainage ditch near the intersection of Kings Highway and Creswell Avenue. Violent Crimes detectives along with Crime Scene Investigators and the Caddo parish Coroner's Office were able to positively identify the decedent as Sirman, the man named as being responsible for Grace's murder. Investigators with the Crash Investigations Unit responded to the scene and recovered video surveillance footage that showed the suspect riding his motorcycle into the intersection of Kings Highway and Creswell Avenue at a very high rate of speed just after 2:05 a.m. He was unable to navigate the curve and left the roadway and came to rest in the drainage ditch. Based on evidence collected, detectives believe that Sirman lost control of his motorcycle while fleeing the scene of the homicide.

Investigators are still working to determine motive for the deadly encounter.