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Dispute over fireworks ends tragically



Suspect: Exzavious Thomas

A Shreveport man is dead and the man accused in the death remains hospitalized following a dispute over the July 4th weekend.

Just after 10:00 p.m. on July 4, 2016, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to the 2400 block of Corol Avenue relative to a reported shooting. As officers arrived at the scene, two adult males were located, each suffering what appeared to be apparent gunshot wounds. Both men were transported via ambulance to University Health for treatment for their injuries. Shreveport Police Crime Scene personnel arrived on the scene along with investigators, who launched an immediate inquiry.

Shortly upon arrival at the hospital, it was learned 33 year old Antonio Collins, who suffered a single gunshot wound to the chest, succumbed to his injuries. Shreveport Police detectives assigned to investigate the matter, gathered information suggesting that prior to the shooting, Collins along with 32 year old Exzavious Thomas, were engaged in a verbal dispute surrounding the discharging of fireworks by adolescents in the block near the men's homes. It is alleged that at the height of the dispute, Collins produced a handgun and subsequently fired the weapon, striking Thomas. Thomas, now injured by Collins, was able to return fire, ultimately striking Collins, fatally wounding him.

At current, Thomas has been charged with a single count of Convicted Felon in Possession of a firearm. The investigation into the matter remains active at this hour.

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