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Suspect arrested in weekend shooting

Shreveport Police detectives have arrested a suspect in connection with a pair of shootings which sent one man to the hospital and damaged a home over the weekend.

Just before midnight on Saturday December 17, 2016, Shreveport Police patrol officers were called to the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant located in the 1100 block of Kings Highway relative to a shooting. As officers arrived at the scene, they learned the victim, 25 year old Donald Young of Shreveport, was suffering a gunshot wound to the chest, after pulling onto the store's parking lot from the roadway. Young was transported by ambulance from the scene of the crime, to University Health hospital where he remains in critical condition.

Based on preliminary information gathered by detectives, it was learned Young was the driver of a black Jeep Liberty that, prior to the shooting, was traveling north bound on Interstate 49 near Kings highway, when a suspect drove alongside the vehicle and fired shots, one of which struck Young. An adult female passenger present with Young during the incident was not injured. As authorities continued to probe deeper into the matter, information was obtained that a suspect in a separate matter had just fired several rounds from a rifle, striking a residence located on Harrison Street. No persons were injured during that incident; however, a home there did sustain damage as a result of gunfire. It was later revealed that the suspect allegedly responsible for shooting at the home on Harrison Street was located at a residence in the 7800 block of Woodfield Drive. Based on information provided to authorities, Sunday, police arrived at the Woodfield Drive home and took 30 year old John Chatman into police custody. Information and evidence possessed by investigators suggested Chatman was the person allegedly responsible for both shootings. Chatman was taken to Shreveport Police headquarters, and following subsequent interviews with detectives, was charged with attempted second degree murder, Illegal Use of a Weapon, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Chatman was booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

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