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Police arrest suspect in city's 2nd homicide

More arrests to be made

FORT PIERCE – Detectives arrested Jarell Eugene Bookhart, 22 (03/24/1985), of Brevard County, in connection with the murder of Edwina Jackson on May 26, 2007.

Bookhart, who was arrested on Tuesday, September 4, at the Brevard County Courthouse, is charged with one count of first degree murder, one count of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Department statement: Captain Brian Humm said, "This investigation has been ongoing since the incident occurred. It has picked up steam during the last several weeks and additional detectives were added to the investigation. The investigation came to fruition this week and culminated in the arrest of Jarell Bookhart. We anticipate there will be more arrests as the investigation comes to a conclusion."

Background

Case #: 2007-4-07403

Incident: Homicide

Location: 29th Street and Avenue B

Date: May 26, 2007

Time: 4:08 p.m.

Victim: Edwina Sheree Jackson, 6-27-76, of 111 Lima Ct. NE in Port St. Lucie, was pronounced dead at the scene. Ricardo Thomas, 6-20-79, of Orlando, was transported to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and has fully recovered from his injuries.

Police are still looking for one of the vehicles involved in the murder: a dark colored 4-door pickup truck. Police recovered a white Hyundai minutes after shooting that was abandoned near the intersection of 32nd Street and Boston.

Narrative: Shortly after 4 p.m. Fort Pierce Police responded to the intersection of 29th Street and Avenue B in reference to a shooting. When officers arrived, they found Jackson, who was sitting in the driver's seat of a dark blue 300 Chrysler, mortally wounded from gunfire. She was pronounced dead on scene by St. Lucie Fire Rescue. Thomas was transported to Holmes Regional Medical Center where he was treated for multiple gunshot wounds.

Police believe the dark colored truck and a white Hyundai blocked the path of the 300 Chrysler as it attempted to drive south on 29th Street. The suspects exited the vehicles and opened fire on the Chrysler. The vehicle and its occupants were struck multiple times.

If anyone has any information that will lead to the identity and the location of the suspects involved in this homicide, contact Crime Stoppers 1-800-273-TIPS or Detective Jesse Streeter at the Fort Pierce Police Department,

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