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Bloomington Police Investigate Murder

The Bloomington Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred at a residence in the 1600 block of N. Willis Drive. One victim died as a result of the shooting.

On October 26th, 2020 at approximately 8:32 p.m., officers from the Bloomington Police Department responded to a residence in the 1600 block of N Willis Drive in reference to multiple reports of several shots fired. Upon the arrival of officers, an unresponsive 26 year-old man was located on the front porch of the residence with a gunshot wound to his chest. Officers immediately began resuscitation efforts and the man was transported to IU Health Bloomington Hospital by ambulance. However, upon arrival at the hospital, it was determined that the man was deceased.

Investigators spoke with several witnesses, some of whom claimed to have been inside the residence at the time of the shooting. It is believed that three males had been invited to the residence by the victim. However, once at the residence, the suspects reportedly attempted to rob the victim and multiple gunshots were fired during the course of the robbery. The suspects then fled the area prior to the arrival of officers.

****UPDATE****

On October 28th, 2020, the owner of a vehicle that had been at the scene of the murder came to the Bloomington Police Department in an attempt to retrieve his vehicle. The owner, identified as Jamal McFadden (24, Indianapolis), had reported to the Indianapolis

Metropolitan Police Department that his vehicle had been stolen from a gas station parking lot in Indianapolis in the evening hours of October 26th. Investigators were able to determine that this was not accurate and were able to determine the McFadden had been in the Bloomington area at the time of the shooting. Jamal McFadden was therefore taken into custody and transported to the Monroe County Jail, where he was remanded for the charge of Murder, a felony, and Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, level 2 felony.

Investigators continued the investigation in an effort to determine the identities of the two other men involved in the robbery and murder. On November 24th, investigators were able to determine the location of one of the other males involved to be an apartment in the 2100 block of Shelburne Drive in Indianapolis. Officers from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department responded to the apartment and were able to take the man into custody without incident. He was identified as Keshawn Bess (23, Indianapolis). Bess was transported to the Marion County Jail and is currently being held on the charges of Murder, a felony, and Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, level 2 felony.

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Under Indiana law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Attached are booking photos for both Jamal McFadden and Keshawn Bess.