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New Orleans Police Department – Public Information Office

Citizen Information Leads Homicide Detectives To The Arrest Of A Murder Suspect

New Orleans Police Homicide Detective Melanie Dillon received information from a Crimestoppers Tip that Kentreall Brown was responsible for a murder that occurred January 12, 2012 in the 3700 block of Saint Claude Avenue

Detective Dillon followed up on the Crimestoppers leads and identified Kentreall Brown as the suspect responsible for the incident.

Kentreall Brown 19 and his girlfriend, Dajonnaise Bertholotte 18 learned that Police were looking for them and met with Detective Dillon at Police Headquarters yesterday.

Detective Dillon interviewed Kentreall Brown at which time he confessed to the fatal shooting of Kerry Johnson due to an on going feud.

Detective Dillon interviewed Dajonnaise Bertholotte and booked her with Principal to Second Degree Murder and Accessory After The Fact To Second Degree Murder after learning her involvement in the incident. Bertholotte was previously arrested for Disturbing the Peace.

Kentreall Brown had no previous criminal record and was booked with Second Degree Murder and Obstruction of Justice.

The victim was previously arrested for Crack Possession, Crack Distribution, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana 2nd Offense, Aggravated Assault, Criminal Damage to Property, Disturbing the Peace, Theft, Lewd Conduct, Domestic Violence, Misrep of Name, Resisting an Officer, Driving on a Suspended Driver's License, he was on Parole From 2000-2002 for Distribution of Cocaine.

Citizens with information about this crime are asked to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 822-1111 or toll-free 1-877-903-STOP(7867) or Text your crime tip to C-R-I-M-E-S (274637), Text TELLCS then your crime information. You could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible. You do not have to give your name nor testify to receive the reward. Citizens can also submit an anonymous tip online to CRIMESTOPPERS at www.crimestoppersno.org.

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Any person who, after the commission of a felony, shall harbor, conceal, or aid the offender, knowing or having reasonable ground to believe that he has committed the felony, and with the intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment shall be charged with R.S. 14:25; Relative to Accessories After the Fact. An accessory after the fact may be tried and punished, notwithstanding the fact that the principal felon may not have been arrested, tried, convicted, or amenable to justice.

Whoever becomes an accessory after the fact shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both; provided that in no case shall his punishment be greater than one-half of the maximum provided by law for a principal offender.

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