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Update: Four Suspects Arrested for the Murder of Ervin Sharp

On Tuesday January 12, 2010, at approximately 11:00p.m., Leon County Sheriff's Deputies were called to 8859 Wakulla Springs Highway in reference to a physical disturbance with the report of gunshots fired. When deputies arrived Ervin Sharp, DOB: 07/20/55, was found lying on a dirt driveway near his residence. It appeared that Sharp had been struck by a vehicle and was critically injured. Deputies and Emergency Medical Services attempted life-saving measures, however; Sharp died on scene. Preliminary autopsy results indicated that Sharp died as result of blunt trauma caused by being run over by a vehicle.

Violent Crimes, Crime Scene and Traffic Homicide Investigators conducted an intensive criminal investigation into the circumstances which led to the death of Sharp. During the investigation it was discovered that Christopher Baity, Paul Gaines, Brian Thompson and Qwaeshun Barrington went to the victim's residence for the purpose of robbing him of drugs and money. As the suspects arrived at the residence they were met by Sharp who was sitting in the front passenger seat of a vehicle, which was also occupied by his girlfriend, Mary Bollivar. Bollivar was sitting next to Sharp in the driver's seat. Baity and Thompson, along with Sharp exited their respective vehicles and met at the rear of the vehicle which was still occupied by Bollivar. Once at the rear of the vehicle the suspects, armed with a handgun, attempted to rob Sharp. During the robbery a shot was fired by the suspects, which caused Bollivar to back her vehicle over Sharp as she attempted to flee the area. After the gunshot the suspects fled in their vehicle while Bollivar, who realized she had run over Sharp, contacted the Sheriff's Office.

Baity, Gaines, Thompson and Barrington are charged with Murder and Robbery with a Firearm. Baity and Gaines were already in the Leon County Jail on robbery charges filed by the Tallahassee Police Department for an unrelated crime. Thompson was located this afternoon and later booked into the Leon County Jail. Barrington is a juvenile and has been booked into the Juvenile Assessment Center. This investigation continues and additional charges may be filed.

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Arrested

Christopher Baity
DOB: 07/06/1974



Paul Gaines
DOB: 08/30/1986



Brian Thompson
DOB: 09/20/1979



Qwaeshun Barrington
DOB: 01/05/1993
(Juvenile: No Booking Photograph Available)

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