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Update: Fifth Person Arrested in the Death of Curtis Brown

In the early morning hours of Sunday, March 29, 2009, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the McDonalds/Circle K (811 Lake Bradford Road) after hearing gun shots being fired. As Deputies and Tallahassee Police Officers arrived, they encountered a panicked crowd and discovered 26-year-old Curtis Brown had been shot and was dead. As the investigation proceeded and witnesses were interviewed, Detectives learned that this incident was gang related and appeared to be a carry over from a local night club. Rival members from the "North Side" street gang and others from the "Holton Street/West Side" gang met near the bicycle rack in front of the McDonald's restaurant. A verbal argument quickly escalated and multiple subjects pulled handguns and began shooting. As this occurred, Curtis Brown, who was not involved, was shot and killed. Additionally, at least eight others were injured in the gunfight.

Since this unprecedented violence occurred, Leon County Sheriff's Office Detectives have continued their investigation to identify all the subjects involved. During the investigation of the crime scene Detectives located a handgun. Forensic analysis has determined that this handgun fired the fatal gunshot which killed Curtis Brown. Additional examination of the handgun, coupled with witness statements, established that Ion Cloud was in possession of this handgun during the shooting.

Detectives identified Cloud in April 2009 as a person of interest after reviewing forensic evidence and conducting witness interviews. When detectives sought him for questioning, they learned Cloud had outstanding warrants for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon at the time of this shooting. Since that time, detectives have continued to pursue leads and review evidence, which has lead to Cloud being charged with the murder of Curtis Brown. Cloud is the fifth person charged in this investigation so far, and detectives state more arrests are still likely.

"As I stated early in this investigation, the Sheriff's Office will continue pursuing every person that was involved with the murder of Curtis Brown", said Sheriff Larry Campbell. "This arrest is a result of our resolve to provide justice for Curtis Brown and more arrests are possible."

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ARRESTED:

Ion Emanuel Cloud

DOB: 4/24/1990

CHARGES:

2nd Degree Murder

Attempted First Degree Murder



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