

# DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robert Redel, Acting Chief of Police



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On July 4<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:50pm., DeKalb Police Officers immediately responded to 933 South Fourth Street in reference to a call that a person had been shot in the parking lot of FasMart. Upon arrival, Officers located two victims that had been shot. One victim, Chrishun Keeler-Tyus, 29-year-old male, died at Northwestern Kishwaukee Community Hospital. The second victim did not sustain life threatening injuries.

Investigators have learned that Keeler-Tyus was inside FasMart when he and another customer had a disagreement. The female customer that had the disagreement with Keeler-Tyus, called her husband on her cell phone to assist her at FasMart. Keeler-Tyus exited the store and walked back to his car, which was parked by a gas pump. The female customer's husband arrived at FasMart and exited his vehicle. Another dark colored vehicle then pulled into the FasMart parking lot and shot several times at Keeler-Tyus. The suspect vehicle fled the scene traveling N/B on South Fourth Street. Investigators have identified, located, and seized the vehicle used by the shooter. This vehicle was recovered in Aurora Illinois.

The DeKalb County Major Case Squad is currently working this homicide. Please contact the DeKalb Police Department or DeKalb County Crime Stoppers if you have any information in regard to this investigation.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the DeKalb County Major Case Squad arrested Katrina Edwards for Obstructing Justice and Jimmy Edwards for First Degree Murder. Katrina and Jimmy Edwards are currently incarcerated at the DeKalb County Jail awaiting a bond hearing. This murder investigation remains active and additional arrests are expected.

Katrina L. Edwards, 35 years of age from DeKalb Illinois was charged with Obstructing Justice.

Jimmy D. Edwards, 32 years of age from DeKalb Illinois was charged with First Degree Murder.

On July 9, 2020, an additional charge of First Degree Murder was filed against Katrina Edwards. A no bond warrant was issued for Katrina Edwards arrest. Katrina Edwards was arrested in Sycamore Illinois and is currently incarcerated at the DeKalb County Jail. This murder investigation remains active and additional arrests are expected.

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### UPDATE:

**On July 10, 2020, Annette Romano, 49 years of age, from DeKalb Illinois was charged and arrested for obstructing justice. Romano was walking in the FasMart parking lot when the shooting occurred. A vehicle that registers to Romano, was identified as the suspect vehicle. Someone from inside that vehicle began shooting and killed Chrishun Keeler-Tyus. Romano was released from custody after posting bond.**

**On July 15, 2020, Emanuel Edwards, 26 years of age, from DeKalb Illinois was charged and arrested for First Degree Murder. Emanuel Edwards was driving Romano's vehicle when the front seat passenger began shooting and killed Chrishun Keeler-Tyus. Emanuel Edwards is currently incarcerated at the DeKalb County Jail.**

**On July 15, 2020, an arrest warrant was issued for Esaiah Escamilla, 22 years of age, from Aurora Illinois for First Degree Murder. Escamilla has been identified as the suspect who shot and killed Chrishun Keeler-Tyus. Escamilla has ties to the to the cities of Aurora, Plano, and Montgomery.**

**The DeKalb Police Department is currently working with local and federal agencies in attempt to locate and arrest Escamilla. If you have information in regard to this investigation or to the whereabouts of Escamilla please contact the DeKalb Police Department, Crime Stoppers, or your local police department.**