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WOMAN ARRESTED FOR POISONING DEATH

Baton Rouge Police Detectives have arrested, MESHELL HALE, 50 of 388 Scott Bar Lane, Slaughter, LA., today on the charge of Second Degree Murder.

Baton Rouge Police Investigators were contacted by New Orleans Police Department in May of 2017 regarding a death investigation. Based on the information from that investigation, questions were raised concerning the similarities involving the death of DAMIAN SKIPPER that occurred on June 30, 2015. After toxicology reports returned, Skipper's death was reclassified as a homicide from Barium poisoning.

The LSP Fugitive Task Force apprehended HALE in the Baton Rouge area.

HALE will be booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on the charge of Second Degree Murder.

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