



Chief of Police Murphy Paul

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MURDER ARREST

Baton Rouge Police Detectives arrested ERIC ROMELL AUGUSTUS, 49, 3033 LONE OAK DR today for the murder of LOVIE VARISTE, 76, SAME ADDRESS. Police found Variste deceased in the rear bedroom of their apartment around 1:08pm this afternoon suffering from severe trauma to the head.

Augustus verbally admitted to beating Variste with varies objects after smoking mojo.

Augustus will be booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison and charged with 1st Degree Murder.

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