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SHOOTING INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Update 04-15-19

Today, GERALD WAYNE BUTLER, 44, of 702 N.46th St., along with GERALD JEROME WASHINGTON, 23 of 650 NORTH ARDENWOOD have been arrested in connection with the shooting death of DESWIN HARDEN. Both will be booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of 1st Degree Murder, Attempted 1st Degree Murder and Illegal Use of Weapons.

Original 04-14-19

JOESPH LOUIS BUTLER, 45, 650 NORTH ARDENWOOD was arrested for the shooting death of DESWIN HARDEN, 37, 313 HWY 67, SLAUGHTER, LA that occurred on April 13, 2019 around 1:10am at 1533 North Acadian Thruway West (Peyton's Lounge). Harden and a 48 year old victim, both security guards, were shot while attempting to break up a fight outside the lounge.

Harden died from gunshot injuries. The 48 year old victim suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Butler was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison for 1st Degree Murder and Attempt 1st Degree Murder.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone who has information relative to this shooting is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at 389-4869 or Crime Stoppers at 344-7867.

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