



BRPD News Item

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Date:	02-13-14
Slug:	Arrest in Denham St. Shooting
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Update 02-13-14

Baton Rouge Police Detectives have arrested JAMAL VARISTE, 18 of 1734 N.27th Street, in connection with the shooting death of DEVONTA JENKS.

Detectives believe that VARISTE shot JENKS over an argument involving a mutual girlfriend.

VARISTE was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison today around 2:00am on charges of Second Degree Murder and Illegal Use of a Weapon.

Update 02-11-14

The victim has been identified as DEVONTA JENKS, 18 of 4417 Cannon Street.

Police are still investigating this incident and the motive to this shooting is unknown at this time. Anyone with information relative to this shooting is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at 389-4869 or Crimes Stoppers at 344-7867.

Original 02-11-14

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a shooting that occurred around 2:25am this morning at 4343 Denham St, Spanish Arms Apartments. The black male victim was shot once in the upper torso area and died at the scene.

Police are still investigating this incident and the motive to this shooting is unknown at this time. Anyone with information relative to this shooting is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at 389-4869 or Crimes Stoppers at 344-7867.