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## CHARGES UPGRADED TO MURDER

Update: June 3, 2016

ERNEST BERNARD FELTON, 22, arrest charged has been upgraded to 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder and Obstruction for the shooting death of two ladies that occurred on April 10, 2016 at 777 Ben Hur Dr. Baton Rouge Police were able to obtain addition information during this investigation which led to the change in Felton's arrest charge.

Police are still actively working this case. Anyone with information on this incident is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at 389-4869 or Crime Stoppers at 344-7867.

Update: April 10, 2016

ERNEST BERNARD FELTON, 22 of 3865 Day Avenue, Miami, Florida has been arrested on charges of Attempted 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder and Illegal Use of a Weapon in connection with the shooting of the 24 year old male victim. While individuals gathered at a social function, 777 Ben Hur Drive, gunfire was exchanged between FELTON and the male victim, the driver of a Chevrolet Cobalt, as the vehicle pulled up to the complex. Investigators believe this gunfire exchange was a result from a previous altercation. During the exchange of gunfire BENTON and JANUARY were struck.

Investigators are awaiting results of ballistic analysis to determine who is responsible for the shooting death of BENTON and JANUARY.

FELTON was later booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Attempted 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder and Illegal Use of a Weapon.

Two Southern University students, both 19 years of age, died from apparent gunshot injuries. One was pronounced dead on scene and the other died at a local hospital. Along with the two deceased, a 24 year old male victim was also struck by the shots and transported to a local hospital with non life threatening injuries at the time. The families of the victims have been notified, but the names are being withheld at this time pending this ongoing investigation.

There are no known suspects or motives at this time.

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