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## MAN ARRESTED IN MISSING PERSON'S MURDER

ROBERT JOVANTIE MARKS, 39, 9759 SPIKE RIDGE AVE, ZACHARY, LA has been arrested and booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Feticide. Marks is accused of murdering Lyntell Washington and her 7 month unborn fetus.

Detectives learned that Marks and Washington were in a romantic relationship and that she was pregnant with his child.

Details and evidence surrounding this case led to Marks arrest.

### **\*Correction on Sequence of Events\***

Ms. Washington's daughter found June 9th. Robert Marks was booked during the early morning hours of June 10th, but was technically placed under arrest on June 9th.

Ms. Washington's murder occurred the night of June 8th.

### Update

The Baton Rouge Coroner's Office and the State Police Crime Lab have identified the body of the individual that was found Tuesday morning in a ditch located behind a sugar cane field on Hwy 77 in Rosedale, La as Lyntell Washington, 40.

Washington was 7 months pregnant and her cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head.

This is still an ongoing investigation.

### Original

Baton Rouge Police Detectives are searching for the individual in the attached photograph identified as LYNTLELL WASHINGTON, 40 of 12074 Newcastle Ave.

Today around 9:00am detectives responded to 11832 Newcastle Avenue where Washington's 3 year old daughter was observed unsupervised near their vehicle. The child appeared unharmed as she was united with other family members. The possibility of foul play cannot be ruled out.

Anyone with any information on Washington's whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 344-7867 or Missing Persons at 389-8617.

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