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Victim in train shooting was a Mississippi man



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A Mississippi man was shot to death early Sunday aboard a CSX train that had stopped in Lakeview.

The victim, Fred Gibbs, 52, was conductor of the mixed-freight train, which was en route from Atlanta to New Orleans. Gibbs was identified by the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office.

Gibbs was shot multiple times during what appears to have been an attempted robbery in the train's engine compartment, said Officer Hilal Williams, an NOPD spokeswoman. Gibbs was pronounced dead on the scene. The shooter fled after the incident, police said.

The incident occurred while the train was parked near the intersection of Florida Boulevard and Marshall Foch Street due to traffic delays.

A CSX spokesperson said "our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

Homicide Detective Orlando Matthews is in charge of the investigation and can be reached at 504.658.5300.

Anyone with information that can help solve this crime is asked to call CRIMESTOPPERS at 504.822.1111 or toll-free at 877.903.STOP(7867). A cash award of up to \$2,500 is available for information leading to an indictment.

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