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## **UPDATE CHARGES ISSUED 03/20/2019 3:50PM**

On 03/20/2019 investigators with the Major Case Squad (MCS) met with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for a warrant application for First Degree Murder charges related to this investigation.

The St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office issued charges of First Degree Murder, and Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon as an adult against

Catrell L. Dent  
Male Age 17  
E. St. Louis, IL.

The warrant was signed by Judge Katz and bond was set at \$1,000,000. Dent will remain in juvenile custody until his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before being moved to the St. Clair County Jail, if he does not post bond.

Sheriff Watson: We are happy to bring a quick resolution to this murder. The Sheriff's Department and all of law enforcement work together to try and make citizens safe to live and travel in the metro east wherever they go.

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## **UPDATE RELEASE 03/19/2019 12:30PM**

On 03/19/2019 at approximately 1000hrs the Major Case Squad (MCS) Investigators were reviewing possible leads of the shooting from the night before and murder of

Lundy S. Blue  
Male Age 18  
Alorton, IL.

Metro Link security was working with the MCS by providing videos from beginning to end of the event.

At that time the MCS investigators were informed that a subject had come to the E. St. Louis Police Department and wanted to speak with investigators about the murder.

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After an interview and evidence comparisons, this person was taken into custody. The person of interest is a 17 year old juvenile male and he is being held at the St. Clair County Juvenile Detention Center.

The reports and case will be prepared and presented to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for charges, which range from juvenile charges to being charged as an adult for murder.

Either way at this time the person of interest will not be identified because he is a juvenile, and no charges have been issued.

**Sheriff Watson:** I want to thank the Major Case Squad Investigators for assisting in this investigation. Without their dedication to work 18 hour days or more, whenever they are called out to solve a crime, many murders would remain unsolved. All of St. Clair County is grateful for the quick and effective work done here to get a murderer off the streets.

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Thank you

Capt. Bruce Fleshren

## **PRESS RELEASE**

This an initial briefing of information regarding a shooting that took place at the E. St. Louis Metro Station located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Missouri in E. St. Louis, IL.

At approximately 10:48 pm on 03/18/2019 dispatch was notified that a person was shot either on the platform or on the train while stopped at 5<sup>th</sup> and Missouri.

Deputies arrived within 4 minutes and were told by witnesses that the victim had run across the parking lot towards Broadway Ave.

Deputies found that the victim and suspect were on the west bound train at the same time. Both began to exit at 5<sup>th</sup> and Missouri when a single shot was fired and both subjects fled.

The victim was transported to St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis. About an hour later deputies were informed that the victim had passed away.

At this time the St. Louis Major Case Squad was activated by the Sheriff's Department.

The injuries to the victim are not known at this time pending an autopsy that will be scheduled. This is the very beginning of the investigation and little is known. Obviously we are interviewing witness and searching for video of the incident.

Investigators are just beginning to arrive to start the follow up investigation.

I will be available at 5 am in the Sheriff's Lobby and hopefully have some more information at that time.

Thank you

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