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****** UPDATE #2 ******

Two arrests have been made in conjunction with this case. After an investigation, it was determined that the victim in this case was shot in the head on the parking lot of the Road Ranger gas station, 2101 S. Prigmore Ave. There are two suspects in this case. One of the suspects, Adin Aman Cantarero Benitez, 26, approached the victim who was sitting in his car on the parking lot at approximately 3:30 AM on 09-16-2024. The suspect had a brief conversation with the victim and then shot him. The suspect then got into the victim's car, the red Chevy Cobalt, and briefly met with the other suspect behind the gas station. They then both drove east on I-44 and pulled over at the 14.8 mile marker and pulled the victim out of the car and into the ditch.

The two suspects, one driving the victim's car and the other driving a blue Toyota Tundra pickup, then drove to Independence, MO. The suspect driving the pickup, Adin Aman Cantarero Benitez, 26, was subsequently arrested for DWI at approximately 10:00 PM on 09-16-24, in Independence. At that time, it was not known to law enforcement about his connection with the Jasper County incident.

On 09-17-24 just after 5:00 PM, the Independence Police Department was called in reference to the second suspect, Jose Cantarero Benitez, 20, who had attempted to carjack another vehicle and shot a woman in the chest. He fled that scene and was later arrested by KCPD after they had received a call of another woman that he had pistol whipped. After a foot pursuit, he was arrested. The female victim that was shot is reportedly in critical condition.

The two suspects in this case are brothers and both are illegal immigrants from Honduras. Charges for first-degree murder, armed criminal action and first-degree robbery have been submitted on Adin Aman Benitez to the Jasper County Prosecutor. Charges on Jose Benitez are expected to be filed.

The red Chevy Cobalt was recovered in Kansas City. The autopsy on Gilmore is still scheduled for Friday, September 20.

09-18-2024

****** UPDATE #1 ******

Shortly after 5:00 PM, the red Chevy Cobalt was located and recovered in Independence, MO. If anyone has information about this vehicle being around the Quik Trip at I-44 and I-249 during the daytime on 09-17-24 please call JASCO at 417-359-9100 and ask for Det. Sgt. Cady.

****** Death Investigation ******

9-17-2024

On 9-16-2024, at approximately 5:25 PM, Jasper County Deputies were notified of a possible deceased male in the ditch on I-44 near the 14.8 mile marker.

Jasper County detectives are currently working this death investigation in conjunction with the Missouri Highway Patrol.

The male was identified as Jesse Gilmore, 63, from Oklahoma. Next of kin has been notified and an autopsy is scheduled for Friday, September 20th.

Investigators are currently looking for a vehicle related to this incident. A red 2010 Chevy Cobalt bearing Oklahoma license plate PIH667. There is significant damage to the passenger side rear door. If anyone has seen this vehicle in the past 24 hours or has knowledge of where it is currently located, please call JASCO at 417-359-9100 and ask for Det. Cady.

This is an active investigation and more information may be released at a later time.

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