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Earl Fry

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois says that on September 18, 2010, Saturday morning, at approximately 2:19 a.m. Terrebonne Parish deputies responded to a 911 call that a subject was being beaten in the area of Smithridge on Bayouside Dr. Chauvin. Once deputies arrived, it was learned the caller had left the scene prior to their arrival. Deputies were not able to contact any of the parties involved in the altercation at that time.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. deputies responded to 142 St. Matt St in reference to the subject that had been beaten earlier was now having trouble breathing. Deputies arrived and learned that the victim, Earl Fry Jr., age-57, was in the Smithridge area when he was attacked by Philbert Vincent.

A witness advised that as they were travelling on Bayouside Dr, Vincent flagged them down. The witness stated that once they stopped, Vincent started yelling at his girlfriend, who was one of the occupants of this vehicle saying that she was suppose to go home.

The witness said that Fry told Vincent he should not be yelling at his (Vincent) girlfriend like that and Vincent approached the back door of the car and opened it. The witness said that Vincent began punching Fry and pulled him from the vehicle and knocked Fry to the ground. Vincent then began kicking Fry in the face, chest and stomach area and dragged him around on the street. The witness said that Fry was not even able to defend himself.

A resident of St. Matt St. in Montegut was travelling through Smithridge when he saw Fry bent over next to a tree, having trouble breathing. He advised he drove Fry home and put him to bed. He stated when he checked on Fry at approximately 400 a.m. and found Fry was still having trouble breathing and called 911. Acadian Ambulance responded to St. Matt St. and transported Fry to the Leonard Chabert Medical Center.

T.P.S.O detectives responded to Leonard Chabert Medical Center and learned that Fry suffered broken trachea, fractured ribs, and facial injuries. Fry was pronounced dead at 5:06 a.m.

Vincent was located hiding behind a residence located at 4900 La. Highway 56 Chauvin and taken into custody. He was transported to the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office where detectives questioned him.



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Philbert Vincent, age 44, 4801 Bayou side Dr. Chauvin was arrested for Second degree murder and transported to the Terrebonne Parish Criminal Justice Complex where he was booked and jailed.

Anyone having information concerning this investigation is encouraged to call the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office detective bureau, (985) 876-2500. All calls can remain anonymous.

Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois