

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

July 23, 2020

MCTXSheriff Searching for Murder Suspect

On July 22, 2020, at about 11:15 pm, Deputies with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 33000 block of Kinley Ann Court, Magnolia, Texas in reference to a shooting. When Deputies arrived they found the victim, 27-year-old Samuel Schmitt in the front entryway of the residence.

Schmitt had multiple gunshot wounds to his body and responding personnel attempted life-saving measures, but unfortunately, Mr. Schmitt succumbed to the wounds. During the investigation, Deputies learned from witnesses that the suspect Christopher Julian (W/M) 27 years old is an acquaintance of many years to Mr. Schmitt and came to the residence about 10:00 pm. Witnesses advised that while Julian and Schmitt were talking, and for unknown reasons, Julian went outside and came back inside the residence and immediately started shooting Schmitt. Julian then fled the residence in a silver 2012 Nissan Versa 4-door car. During the investigation, Deputies learned that on July 21, 2020, Julian was involved in another shooting incident in Tomball, Texas. During that incident, Julian allegedly fired multiple gunshots at his girlfriend and the vehicle she was in. Based on the investigation completed by the Tomball Police Department a warrant for Aggravated Assault was issued for Julian.

Julian is a white male, 5'4" 150 pounds with brown hair and hazel colored eyes. Julian was last seen wearing a tie-dyed shirt, white shorts, and a dark-colored baseball cap with a white cross on the front and on the side. Julian is considered armed and dangerous. If you have any information on the whereabouts of Christopher Julian contact your local law enforcement or the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at 936-760-5800 and refer to case# 20A231805.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office are investigating the murder and will be filing murder charges soon.

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UPDATE: On July 23, 2020 at 2:06 pm MCTXSheriff Detectives and SWAT team located Christopher Julian at a residence in the 15200 block of Vincennes Oak Street. Julian fired several shots as deputies approached, from inside the home. A SWAT standoff ensued as Harris County Sheriff's Office deputies and SWAT team, as well as Harris County Constable Pct. 4 arrived on scene to assist. Julian remained in the home for several hours, and made attempts to start fires inside as deputies tried to deescalate the scene and bring Julian out of the home safely.

After several hours of a tense standoff with the Crisis Negotiations Team working to resolve the situation peacefully, SWAT made entry into the home and found the suspect, Christopher Julian, dead from an apparent self-inflicted wound. Harris County Sheriff's Office will be leading an investigation into the shooting and following standoff.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families involved in this terrible situation.

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