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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS MAN FOR WASHINGTON PARK MURDER EARLIER THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON PARK – Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigations Zone 6 announces the arrest of 61-year-old Vincent E. Brown of Belleville, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) stemming from a deadly shooting earlier this week.

On August 11, 2024, Zone 6 agents were requested by the Washington Park Police Department to investigate a homicide that occurred in the 5000 block of N. Park Drive in Washington Park. 66-year-old Leon Richardson of Washington Park was found deceased from a gunshot wound.

After an intense investigation, ISP agents identified Brown as the shooter. On August 15, 2024, less than a week after the murder occurred, ISP agents located Brown's vehicle, conducted a traffic stop, and took him into custody in Madison, IL. The case was presented to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office and the murder charge was filed. Brown is being held at the St. Clair County Jail. There is no further information.



Vincent E. Brown (M/61)

The charge is not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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