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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS MAN FOR WASHINGTON PARK MURDER

WASHINGTON PARK – Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 announces the arrest of 22-year-old Steven Tiller Jr. of Belleville, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (Class 2 Felony) stemming from a deadly shooting this past March.

On March 29, 2024, Zone 6 agents were requested by the Washington Park Police Department to investigate a homicide that occurred outside of a business in the 6000 block of Forest Blvd. in Washington Park. 39-year-old George Smith of East St. Louis died at an area hospital after being struck by gunfire.

After a thorough investigation, ISP agents identified Tiller as a suspect. On October 11, 2024, Tiller was taken into custody. Tiller is charged with First Degree Murder and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon and is being held at the St. Clair County Jail. There is no further information available.



Steven Tiller Jr. (M/22)

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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