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Illinois State Police Investigating Quintuple Homicide in East St. Louis

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP), along with the East St. Louis Police Department, are investigating a targeted shooting against a family in East St. Louis.

Preliminary investigation indicates that two suspects, a 15-year-old and a 16-year-old, were taken into custody on Sunday, July 12, 2026, after ISP officers successfully executed a Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver on the vehicle the suspect was driving. At least seven members of the target family were shot at multiple locations in the East St. Louis area, and five victims, all from East St. Louis, have been confirmed deceased.

There is no known threat to the public at this time. ISP has been in close contact with the State's Attorney's Office and will be seeking charges against the suspects. The investigation remains fluid and active and additional information will be released as it becomes available. The following five deceased victims have been identified:

49-year-old Cherie L. May
24-year-old Devin D. May
74-year-old Patricia A. May
21-year-old Quentin L. Thompson
25-year-old Shania W. Thompson

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