



NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT Press Release



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Suspect Arrested in Homicide at Chuck E. Cheese

North Little Rock, Arkansas (March 8, 2021) – On March 7, 2021, at 7:58 p.m., North Little Rock Police responded to Chuck E. Cheese, located at 4120 Landers Road, in reference to a shooting. When officers arrived on scene, they located a black female lying on the ground in front of the doors of the business. She suffered from multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim was later identified as Christina Clay, 32, of White Hall.

The investigation into the shooting revealed that Christina Clay was attending a birthday party at Chuck E. Cheese for her girlfriend's two year old son. During the party, Clay and Marlon Marbley Jr., the father of the two-year-old, got into a verbal altercation. To diffuse the situation, Clay and several other individuals went outside to smoke and talk.

Marbley and another male exited the business and began a verbal altercation with Clay. During the disturbance, Marbley pulled out a black semi-automatic pistol and began to point it at Clay. Family and friends of Marbley, who were outside at the time, began pushing Marbley in an attempt to get him to leave the area. After refusing to leave, Marbley ran towards Clay as she was walking back inside the business. Once Marbley was within a few feet of Clay, he began to shoot, striking her multiple times. Marbley then fled the area in his vehicle.

On March 8, 2021, Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Marlon Marbley Jr for Capital Murder. On March 8, 2021, at 12:30 p.m., Marbley surrendered to Detectives. He was transported to the Pulaski County Detention Facility where he is being held without bond pending his initial appearance.

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