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Former NFL Player Booked in Slidell Area Homicide

SLIDELL, LA - St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Jack Strain today announced an arrest in the murder of a Slidell area man yesterday afternoon.

Terreal Michael Bierria (246 E Augusta Lane, Slidell – DOB: 10/11/1980) has been arrested and booked with one count of first degree murder.

Yesterday afternoon at approximately 1:30, the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a disturbance and someone needing assistance at 221A S. Military Road in the Slidell area. Deputies arrived at the residence minutes later and noticed the front door partially opened with blood smeared on it.

The victim, Soron Salter (221A S. Military Rd, Slidell – DOB: 1/17/80), was found lying motionless on the floor of the residence just behind the front door. Deputies had to force their way into the residence due to Salter's position behind the door. Salter had wounds indicating a violent struggle, including possible stab wounds.

Deputies learned from witnesses that a gray Cadillac had been parked at the residence a few minutes prior to their arrival.

Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to North Shore Hospital at approximately 1:50 p.m. in reference to an emergency room patient possibly involved in a cutting. The subject's injuries were described as lacerations to his hands and arms.

Upon arrival at the hospital minutes later, deputies encountered a black male, later identified as Bierria, who had driven himself to the emergency room. The vehicle Bierria arrived in was a gray Cadillac.

Bierria refused to speak with investigators about his injuries or role in the altercation; however, he did place himself at the scene of the murder. Investigators believe physical evidence collected at the scene will be linked back to Bierria.

Preliminary autopsy results indicate Bierria was the aggressor during the struggle.

The gray Cadillac was seized and towed to the Crime Lab.

Investigators obtained an arrest warrant early this morning and booked Bierria into the St. Tammany Parish Jail, where he is being held without bond.

Bierria, originally from the Slidell area, played college football in Georgia then spent two seasons as a strong safety

with the Seattle Seahawks in 2002 and 2004. Bierria was selected by the Seahawks as the 120th overall pick in the 2002 draft.

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