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Attempted Murder Investigation
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They are believed to be New Orleans residents and identified as: an unidentified gunman who sustained a gunshot wound to his body and died on the scene; 19-year-old gunman Jose Holmes who sustained gunshot wounds to his body and is listed in stable condition at a nearby hospital; 44-year-old Leonard Bartholomew sustained gunshot wounds to his heel and head and has been released from the hospital; 39-year-old Susan Bartholomew sustained a gunshot wound to her right arm and leg and has been released from the hospital; 17-year-old Leisha Bartholomew was wounded in the abdomen and leg and was treated and released from the hospital.

49-year-old Lance Madison was one of the suspects who ran across the Danziger Bridge along with a second unidentified gunman. Madison was seen discarding his handgun into the Industrial Canal. The second suspect continued running to a nearby motel and was confronted by a New Orleans Police Officer. The suspect reached into his waist and turned toward the officer who fired one shot fatally wounding him. Lance Madison was apprehended a short time later in the same area by the Louisiana State Police.

When Jose Holmes is released from the hospital, he will be arrested on eight (8) counts of Attempted Murder of Police Officers, along with Lance Madison, Leonard Bartholomew, Susan Bartholomew and Leisha Bartholomew were not arrested pending further review as to their involvement; however, the District Attorney is being consulted.

There is no confirmation that the families of the two deceased suspects were notified. Orleans Parish Coroner's Chief Investigator John Gagliano will release their names once the families are notified.

There were separate reports to the police department of sniper activity in the same area. Members of the Louisiana State Police were assisting and were in the process of responding to those reports when the exchange of gunfire began.

Investigators are still the process of establishing an exact motive for the incident.

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