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## News Release

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### Boutte Man Arrested for Murder of Girlfriend

Early this morning St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Deputies arrested 50-year-old L.J. McCoy, Jr. charging him with Second degree murder of his longtime girlfriend – 38-year-old Ashley Thomas.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, just before 1:00 a.m., the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office received a phone call in reference to a disturbance where a witness heard glass shattering, and gunshots in the area of Old Spanish Trail and Billings Lane in Boutte.

When deputies arrived at the location they were approached by a black male, later identified as 50-year-old L.J. McCoy, Jr, who directed them to a female who had been shot. Deputies quickly developed probable cause that McCoy had shot Ashley Thomas and arrested him for her murder..

McCoy was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center where he was booked and charged with (1) count of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Murder and violation of LRS 14:30.1

All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.