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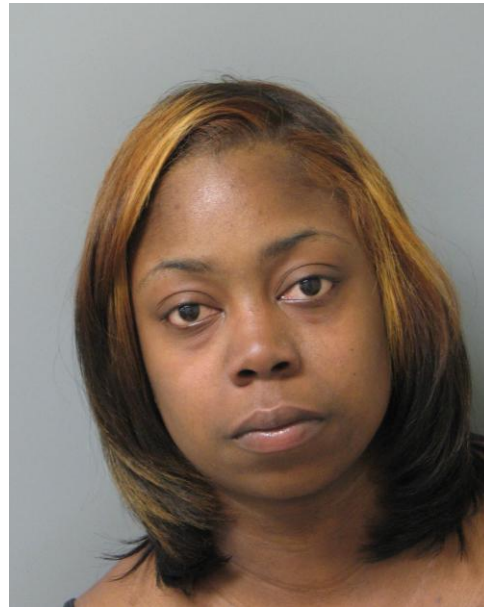
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Deputies Arrest Relatives of Man Who Shot Eads Home Owner



Linda Sallis



Tracey Whiting

Sheriff's detectives tonight arrested the sister and niece of the man who shot an Eads man last week after burglarizing his home. Linda Sallis, 44, the sister of Willie Gatewood and her daughter, Tracey Whiting, 21, were taken into custody at their home at 843 East Gage Street about 8 pm.

Detectives say the two took the getaway car used during the burglary and shooting and returned it to a used car lot last Thursday, the day after Dennis Roberts was shot at his home in the 11,000 block of Macon Road.

About 2 pm on February 24, Roberts discovered Willie Gatewood, 52, in his home.

When approached, Gatewood shot Roberts who has since been released from the hospital. Detectives quickly linked Gatewood to the crimes and he has been on the run ever since.

Sheriff's Deputies got a tip Gatewood's car had been returned to Pyramid Auto Sales at 936 South Third. Although the dealer was aware the 2002 maroon GMC Envoy was Gatewood's vehicle, he did not know his whereabouts.

Deputies believe Sallis and her daughter met up with Gatewood after the burglary and shooting, cleaned the vehicle and then returned it to the used car lot. Both of have been charged with Accessory After the Fact To Wit Attempted First Degree Murder and Tampering with Evidence. They are being held at the Shelby County Jail women's facility in east Memphis on 100,000 dollars bond.

Detectives say there could be more arrests as they continue their search for Willie Gatewood. Anyone with information should call Sheriff's detectives at **(901) 545-5600** or Crime Stopper's at **(901) 528-CASH**.

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