

TIMELINE OF EVENTS INVOLVING KENNETH GLEASON

2016

November: Kenneth Gleason buys a 9 mm handgun and ammunition in Baton Rouge.

December: Police in Phoenix, Arizona, issue citation to Gleason for trying to shoplift \$31.84 in goods from Target. Case is later dismissed.

2017

July: In Baton Rouge, Gleason pays for gun silencer, which he has not yet received.

August: He completes a concealed carry permit class. Does not have permit yet.

Sept. 11, 12:38 a.m.: Gleason allegedly shoots three times into the front door of a house occupied by a black family on the street where he lives. Two people at home, but no one injured.

Sept 12, 10:32 p.m.: 3400 Florida Street: Bruce Cofield, a 59-year-old homeless man, shot dead. Witnesses describe a red car and shooter as white male wearing tactical gear.

Sept 13, 10:46 a.m.: Report of shoplifted book — ‘Ultimate Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy’ — at Books a Million at Towne Center. Store says suspect is white male with red car.

Sept 14, 11:08 p.m.: 3014 Alaska St.: Ten rounds from 9mm gun fired at Donald Smart, 49, who dies at scene. Video of red car captured on Alaska Street, while witnesses saw a white male and red car.

Sept. 15: Federal ballistics database confirms bullets from same weapon in Florida and Alaska street shootings.

Sept 16: BRPD officer spots car that matches description and stops it. Police obtain search warrant for Gleason’s home and interview him for hours. Arrest Gleason on drug counts associated with drugs found at home.

Sept 17: Gleason leaves jail, released on \$3,500 bond.

Sept. 18: Sheriff’s Office arrests Gleason on book theft count, and he is again released on bond.

Sept. 19: State Police crime lab links Gleason to the DNA found on casings collected at Florida Street shooting scene. Gleason is booked in the two killings and the shooting of the house.