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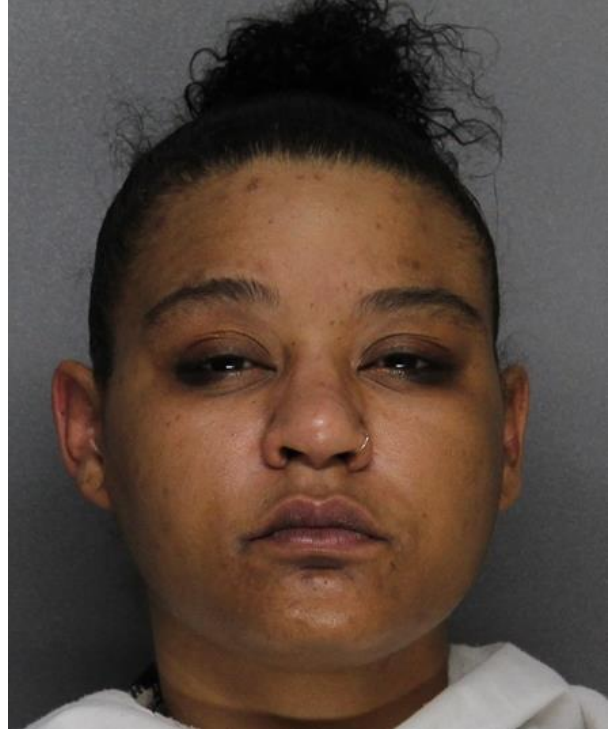
BRAD NORMAN, SHERIFF

For Immediate Release: Case# 23.17294 - Murder

On Monday, December 4, 2023, at approximately 1002 hours (10:02 a.m.), Ellis County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an unresponsive adult male lying in the front yard of a residence in the 1000 block of Vinson Lane in Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas.

At approximately 1008 hours (10:08 a.m.), Sheriff's Deputies and first responders arrived at the location. Deputies secured the property and noted the adult male was deceased. He was lying face down. Deputies followed up, noting there were large areas of pooled blood along with what the deputies believed to be gunshot wounds to the decedent. The decedent is 54-year-old **Jess Deon Dotson** of Red Oak, Texas.

Ellis County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigators interviewed multiple witnesses regarding the circumstances surrounding Mr. Dotson's death. Based on these statements and the evidence recovered at the scene, investigators determined a person of interest, which led them to Coppell, Texas. The person of interest was identified as an acquaintance of Mr. Dotson's, 33-year-old **Yaralitza Dee Shaw** from Lewisville, Texas.



On Wednesday, December 6, 2023, Sheriff's Investigators conducted a custodial interview with Ms. Shaw at the Coppell Police Department in Coppell, Texas. During the interview, Ms. Shaw confessed to the Murder of Mr. Dotson. As a result, Sheriff's Investigators procured a Murder warrant for Ms. Shaw meeting with Ellis County Justice of Peace Judge Dan Cox with Precinct 3. Judge Cox reviewed an affidavit of warrant and issued Warrant number F2608, Murder, noting a present bond of \$500,000.00.

Sheriff Brad Norman would like to thank the Red Oak Police Department, the Lewisville Police Department, the Coppell Police Department, the Irving Police Department – NIBIN Sector, Social Security Administration, Texoma HIDTA, and the Ellis County & District Attorney's Office. This team effort led to the apprehension and arrest of the killer within the first 48 hours of Sheriff's Investigators responding to the crime scene.

Thank you, Sheriff Brad Norman

