



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE RELEASE UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING OTTER AVE. SHOOTING

Damian Preston Wright, 35, the victim of the shooting that occurred at the Oak Park Apartments on September 20, passed away Wednesday evening at a local hospital. His body has been taken to the Medical Examiner's office in Roanoke.

Last Friday night, at approximately 9:33 p.m., officers from the Salem Police Department responded to a "shots fired" call in a parking lot of the Oak Park Apartments, which are located in the 100 block of Otter Avenue. At 9:34 p.m., the first officer arrived on the scene and observed a male subject lying in the parking lot with a gunshot wound. The victim was later identified as Wright. He was transported to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

After a subsequent police investigation, a suspect was identified and later arrested. Roanoke City and Salem Police located Jasper Reed Jackson of Bedford at a residence in Roanoke early Saturday morning. He was charged with Aggravated Malicious Wounding, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Failure to Appear, Assault & Battery of a Law Enforcement Officer, and Obstruction of Justice. Jackson is currently being held at the Roanoke County/Salem Jail without bond.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges could be forthcoming.

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