Ref: Jair Valencia (Murder) Case

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On March 31, 2007 @ approximately 11:00 p.m., Southaven Police Officers responded to a shots fired call in the area of 5722 Arbor Dr., (Bradford Park Apartments) in the City limits of Southaven, MS.

Upon Officers arrival, they discovered a Black Male had been shot in the upper torso and was lying in the rear seat of his vehicle.

The victim, Jair Valencia, had previously been at his brother's apartment which is located in the same apartment complex, approximately 15-20 minutes before the murder, and had walked to his apartment located at 5722 Arbor Dr. Apt. # 233 (Bradford Park Apartments) where he was approached by several young black males. A struggle ensued and the victim was shot twice.

According to witnesses, one suspect shot twice, walked away, then came back and shot three more times. After the shooting, witnesses saw several young black males leaving the scene on foot and witnesses described seeing a SUV-type vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed.

Anyone with additional information on this case is urged to contact the Southaven Police Department at (662) 393-8652 or email tips@southaven.org

Reward: Total \$ 6,000.00 (5,000.00 City of Southaven, 1,000.00 DeSoto County Crime Stoppers)