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Arrest Made in Friday Evening Homicide

(LUBBOCK, TX) — A man and woman are in custody following an investigation of a Friday night central Lubbock homicide.

Officers responded to a Robbery In-Progress call on Friday, February 21st, at 8:37 p.m. in the 1900 block of 21st Street. Officers were unable to locate an incident in the area and could not contact the reporting party. Officers later returned to the area and received information of an incident near another residence in the 1900 block of 21st St. Officers located an unsecured residence, made entry, and located 28-year-old Brittany Blakely unresponsive.

EMS responded and pronounced Blakely deceased at the scene. The Lubbock Metropolitan Special Crimes Unit and the Forensic Investigation Unit responded to the scene.

Through the initial course of the investigation, it appears 19-year-old Ariyah Jimenez, 26-year-old Nathaniel Moreno, and Blakely were involved in an altercation that ended in Blakely being shot.

The Lubbock Metropolitan Special Crimes Unit obtained arrest warrants for A. Jimenez and N. Moreno. Through coordinated efforts with the Texas Anti-Gang Center, A. Jimenez was arrested in the 4200 block of S. Loop 289 at 10:18 p.m. on Saturday, February 22nd.

TAG located and arrested Moreno in the 7000 block of CR 6300 at 12:54 a.m. on Sunday, February 23rd.

Jimenez and Moreno were transported to the Lubbock County Detention Center and Charged with Murder. Both are currently held on a \$250,000 bond.

The investigation is ongoing.

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