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# 'I did what I had to do': Court docs suggest man shot at Arbors approached suspect with gun

The investigation into the death of Zion Brooks remains active, but a murder charge had not been filed against Amire Logan as of Tuesday, nearly a week after his arrest.



Amire Logan, previously known as J'Veonte Logan. Contributed / Fargo Police Department

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FARGO — The man suspected of shooting and killing another at The Arbors apartment complex says the man he shot came at him with a gun brandished, court documents state.

The revelation came as Cass County State's Attorney Kim Hegvik announced two charges of unlawful possession of a firearm against 20-year-old Amire J. Logan, also known as J'Veonte Logan, in a Tuesday, July 2, news release. One charge is in connection to the June 24 shooting at The Arbors at McCormick Park.

That's where Fargo police found 24-year-old Zion Brooks with a gunshot wound to his face, and Logan was arrested on suspicion of killing Brooks.

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Police have revealed few details about the shooting, though they said Brooks and Logan knew each other. Court documents for the firearms charges, which were unsealed Tuesday, shed light on the shooting, a possible motive and a potential self-defense claim.

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Two witnesses told police Brooks, who lived at The Arbors, came out of the apartment and walked toward Logan, who was at the north end of the parking lot, according to a police incident report.

Brooks had a gun out as he approached Logan and said, "You think (expletive) funny over here," according to court documents.

Neither witness saw Brooks get shot but heard a gun fire, court documents said.

Detectives also said they learned Logan told his mother in a phone call that "a guy put a gun in my face," court documents said.

"I did what I had to do, Mom. I shot him back. I am so sorry. I am so sorry. I love you," Logan said, according to court documents.

Brooks was pronounced dead at the scene. Court documents indicated the wound was "a close contact shot."

A resident found a gun under Brooks, according to court documents.

Brooks' girlfriend, Diamond Coleman, told police Brooks left their apartment to go hang out at their vehicle, which was parked a few spots from where his body was found, according to court documents. She also said Logan "had beef" with Brooks, possibly because Logan's girlfriend "almost hit" her once and Brooks didn't like it, court documents said.

24-year-old Zion Brooks. Contributed

Diamond said Logan is "the only one that seemed to have an issue with" Brooks, adding that Logan continuously taunted Brooks, court documents said.

Court documents noted he was prohibited from possessing a gun due to a conviction from less than five years ago. He was on two years of unsupervised probation after being sentenced Feb. 14, 2023, for carrying a pistol without a permit on Sept. 1, 2022.

The firearms charge connected to The Arbors shooting alleged Logan had a .45 caliber firearm, which is typically classified as a handgun.

Logan, who was arrested June 26, has not been charged with the homicide. He remains in custody at the Cass County Jail.

Murder charges typically are filed within days of an arrest. The investigation into Brooks' death remains active, prosecutor Joshua

Traiser told The Forum.

Traiser said he couldn't discuss why a murder charge hadn't been filed against Logan due to the ongoing nature of the investigation. Traiser noted Logan is presumed innocent until proven guilty on any charges brought against him.

An incident report for the other firearms charge alleged Logan possessed an AR-15-style pistol between Jan. 1, 2023, to June 25, 2024. Someone who knew Logan told police they found the gun on June 25 at Logan's apartment, 2925 40th Ave. S. in Fargo, according to court documents.

The person handed the gun over to police because they didn't want Logan to have it, court documents said.

Court records did not list an attorney for Logan.

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