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Columbia man charged in killing of bail bondswoman

Police: Victim was meeting with suspect to collect payment

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A 21-year-old Columbia man who was out on bond has been charged in the fatal shooting of a bail bondswoman who police think was meeting him to collect a payment.

Dominique Davon McDonald was charged with first- and second-degree murder and first- and second-degree assault and has been jailed in lieu of \$2 million bail in the killing of Nichole Bernadette McNair of Baltimore, according to Howard County police.

According to court records, McDonald was on probation and had recently been released from jail on bond in two cases, including an incident in which police say he had a gun on the grounds of a school.

On Monday, police responded to several calls reporting gunshots and found McNair, 42, in the 8700 block of Hayshed Lane in the village of Long Reach at about 10 p.m.

"There was just complete silence" after the shooting, said neighbor James Lang, who was taking out the trash when he heard a gunshot and a person shout. Before going inside to call police, Lang said, he waited a moment to see if there was any commotion after the shooting.

McNair was taken to Howard County General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

In McNair's car, which was idling near where she was found, police discovered paperwork that led them to believe she planned to collect a payment from McDonald.

It was unclear whom McNair might have been working for. She was listed in court records as the bondsman in several cases in which she gave the address of Global Surety & Service in Baltimore. A man who answered the phone there Wednesday said he had no comment on McNair's slaying and declined to say whether she had been working for that company.

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McDonald's last arrest was in September. Police said they saw McDonald in the parking lot of Long Reach High School around 2 a.m. Sept. 2, and found a loaded Luger assault pistol in his backpack, according to charging documents. He was charged with handgun violations, having a weapon on school grounds, trespassing and related counts. Bail was set at \$20,000, and he was released on bond.

That bond was not written by McNair. Information in the court file indicated that \$1,800 was owed on the \$2,000 bond.

The charging documents also show that McDonald was convicted of felony larceny in North Carolina in 2010.

In Maryland, McDonald pleaded guilty to second-degree assault in 2009 in Howard County and was sentenced to serve 18 months in jail followed by three years on probation. Another 3 1/2 years in jail was suspended, court records show.

He also pleaded guilty to a March 2010 car theft in Howard County and was sentenced to six months in jail with another 4 1/2 years suspended. He did not appear for a court hearing last year — it is unclear what that hearing was for — and was jailed, then released mid-August on \$1,000 bail. His probation in that case is scheduled to end in September 2013, according to the court records.

On Wednesday, police said they found half of McDonald's cellphone in the woods near where McNair was shot. When he was later found by police at an apartment building in the 8800 block of Tamar Drive, police say, McDonald had the other half of the phone. Police said they also found a hooded sweat shirt and loaded gun.

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