

OCA: 0616614

Incident type: Homicide

Incident Location: 76 Murray Blvd

Date/Time of Incident: 8-19-06 / 0330 hrs

Case Agent: Det. Bailey

On August 19th, 2006 at approximately 0330 hours, CPD Officers responded to the area of 76 Murray Blvd. in reference to a vehicle blocking traffic and possible gunshots in the area. This area, called "The Battery", is known for its historical significance and high valued homes. Upon the arrival on scene, Officers located Clifton Harris Jr. slumped over in the driver's seat deceased from apparent gunshot wounds. Due to the vehicle's final location, detectives believe Clifton was attempting to flee from his killer prior to being shot numerous times. Detectives ponder whether this was a robbery gone badly.

Clifton was a respected history teacher at First Baptist Church school for approximately 30 years and a valued member in the Charleston Community. Clifton was known by associates to frequent The Battery during the night time hours.

Family members still grieve over the loss of Clifton and still ask why and what happened and want to know who is responsible. Detectives and family members urge anyone with information to come forward. Anyone with information about this case can call Charleston Police at 607-6787 or Crime Stoppers at 554-1111.