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## VETERAN OFFICER SHOT TO DEATH

LT. VICKIE WAX, 51, a twenty-seven year veteran of the Baton Rouge Police Department, died tonight from gunshot wounds suffered while working an extra-duty detail at WAL-MART, 3535 PERKINS ROAD.

Around 10:00pm, a black male suspect was detained for questioning by Lt. Wax and an employee of the store relative to possible shoplifting charged. A struggle broke out as they attempted to make the arrest, during which time the suspect gained access to her gun and fatally shot Lt. Wax.

A 51-year old male customer who was attempting to assist, and a 24-year old store employee, were both also shot. The customer was shot several times and is in critical condition at a local hospital. The employee was shot once in the upper body but his injuries are not life-threatening.

The suspect is described as a black male, medium build, short fade haircut, dark shirt and tan shorts. He was seen arriving at the store in a tan, newer model SUV (light colored-possibly tan or gold), and accompanied by another black male. The second suspect was only described as bald, medium complexion, and wearing a black sleeveless t-shirt. The man who accompanied the suspect into the store and the driver of the SUV fled the area without the suspect after the shooting. The suspect then carjacked a vehicle from the parking lot of the Wal-Mart to make his getaway, later abandoning the car the in the north Baton Rouge area.

Lt. Wax was a 27-year veteran who has worked in Uniformed Patrol, Crime Scene, and the Forgery Division. She was currently assigned to Uniformed Patrol, District 3.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Homicide Division at 389-4869 or Crime Stoppers at 344-7867.

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