

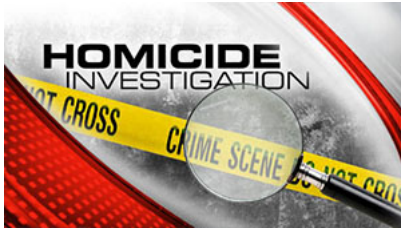
Details Released In Weekend Homicide At Trenton **News**

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More details have been released in the weekend homicide investigation at Trenton.

A probable cause statement completed by law enforcement officers says 52 year old John Earl Vencill was shot three times with a weapon identified as an A-K 47.



The statement, written by Trenton Police Chief Tommy Wright, said an autopsy was done yesterday at Kansas City, performed by Frontier Forensics revealing Vencill was shot twice in the chest and once in the head.

Cause of death was listed as gunshot wounds. The statement added the victim was shot after an alleged argument regarding money and business. No elaboration was given on that claim. The shooting Wednesday July 3rd occurred at 23-27 Speedway, the residence of the defendant: 24 year old Jameson (Jamie) Read.

The probable cause statement says Read admitted to the shooting; then led authorities to the location of the body.

After the shooting, the report stated Vencill's body had been placed in the trunk of his car, identified as a 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier. Read then allegedly drove to a farm pond located in a field off Highway 139 in a remote area of southwest Sullivan county. It was there that authorities on Saturday recovered the partially submerged car, with Vencill's body still in the trunk. He was reported missing on Friday.

Read was arrested at a Trenton convenience store on Saturday.

Jameson Read is held without bond at the Grundy county detention center. He faces two charges filed by the prosecuting attorney Christine Stallings: second degree murder and armed criminal action â pending an arraignment (possibly Tuesday) in the associate division of Grundy county circuit court.

It remains unclear as to whether there's any connection between the murder at Trenton and the arrest Friday night of a Humphreys man for weapons violations.

54 year old James Bowe was arrested by Sullivan county sheriff's office on two counts of unlawful possession of firearms. Bowe reportedly has a previous felony conviction making it illegal for him to possess a firearm.

In looking through court papers filed in the Grundy County case against Jameson Read, there's a James Bowe listed as a witness.

Others identified as witnesses were two members of the Vencill family, the Trenton chief and two

officers, and three officers of the NITRO task force.