

# *Gastonia Police Department*

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## **Homicide**

At approximately 1:29 a.m. today, Michael Lee Willis, 23, of South Oak Street, Gastonia, died as a result of a gunshot wound. Mr. Willis was in the company of a W/F. They were traveling west on Franklin Boulevard and stopped for a stop light at the intersection of Bessemercity Road. A man then pulled up in a truck and blocked the path of the vehicle Mr. Willis occupied. Both males then became involved in an altercation and shots were fired. The event appears to be domestic related. The investigation of the incident is still ongoing.

Mikel Shannon Arms, 28, 108 Jessica Lane, Dallas, NC, has been charged with murder in the case.

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