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MAN ARRESTED IN FRIDAY NIGHT'S SHOOTING

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (12/22/14) – A 19-year-old man has been charged with felony murder in Friday night's shooting death in Temple Terrace.

Police arrested Brett Krystopher Kutzler (DOB: 7/22/95), no known address, on Sunday night. He has been charged with one count of felony murder and one count of robbery with a firearm (principal in the first degree), according to Deputy Chief Bernie Seeley of the Temple Terrace Police Department.

The deceased has been identified as Ditavius D. Jordan (DOB: 7/19/93), of 417 E. Stratford Ave., Tampa.

According to police, Kutzler and Jordan had arranged to meet another man Dec. 19 at around 9:30 p.m. in the parking area behind Winn-Dixie shopping plaza, 8837 N. 56th St., for the purpose of purchasing narcotics. During this meeting, Jordan pulled a handgun on the man they were meeting and was directed by Kutzler to go through his pockets, which he did, forcibly removing the man's cell phone.

As he was being robbed, the man pulled a handgun from his pocket, and there was an exchange of gunfire, during which Jordan was shot in the chest. Kutzler and Jordan fled the area in a gray sedan driven by Kutzler.

A few minutes later, Jordan asked Kutzler to let him out of the vehicle in the 300 block of St. Augustine Ave. Kutzler dropped him off and drove away. At around 9:40 p.m., Jordan was found dead by a passing motorist in the vicinity of St. Augustine and S. Glen Arven Ave. When police examined Jordan's body, they discovered the stolen cell phone.

Based on their investigation, Temple Terrace police located Kutzler on Sunday and asked him to come to the Police Department for questioning. Sunday evening, Kutzler arrived at the Police Department driving the gray sedan connected with the robbery.

After questioning, Kutzler was arrested and charged. The name of the man who was robbed is not being identified at this time, pending further investigation, police said.