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Jefferson City resident, 29 year old, Chad Tariq Brewer, has been charged with murder in the first degree, delivery of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to court records filed today, on May 29, 2021, deputies with the Camden County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of shots fired at Lazy Gators in Camden County. Vonza Watson was shot in his abdomen and would later die from his injuries. Brewer was detained by deputies outside the venue and arrested for possessing 5.5 grams of a substance which presumptively tested positive for cocaine. An investigation was launched by the Camden County Sheriff's Office detective unit. The investigation revealed that a fight occurred between several individuals and Watson shortly before the shooting. Surveillance footage showed Brewer throughout the Shady Gators and Lazy Gators complexes. Video footage from a bar patron showed Brewer raise his arm, fire a handgun, and leave the scene. At the time of the shooting, Watson was face down over the rock wall of the bar, not fighting, at the time he was shot.

Prosecutors requested a no bond warrant on Brewer as he was on parole for robbery in the first degree from Cole County. Brewer is currently in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Under Missouri law and the Constitution of the United States, Brewer is presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.