

Second-degree murder charge filed in holiday weekend shooting

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Charges of second-degree murder and armed criminal action were filed late Monday morning against a St. Louis man in Jefferson City's second murder of 2006.

Kenny Currie, 18, has been charged with second-degree murder and armed criminal action.

According to the police probable cause statement, Currie shot Duwan Williams, 19, St. Louis, during an argu-

ment July 3 in the 1000 block of Elizabeth. Police said eyewitnesses reported Currie used a deadly weapon against Williams. They also say witnesses identified Williams in a photo lineup.

Witnesses provided statements indicating Williams was shot with a revolver as he was attempting to run from the area.

Authorities have concluded that Currie has a street-name of "Nine" and has a gang affiliation in the St. Louis area.

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Williams died from gunshot wounds to the chest and abdomen.

Police said Monday they still are searching for Currie.

They have talked with gang units of the St. Louis Police Department and believe that Currie and Williams were from rival gangs and, probably by coincidence, happened to meet in Jefferson City.

Jefferson City Police Chief Roger Schroeder said Monday no local gang activity could be connected with the shooting.

Williams had been in town for a couple of weeks visiting family when the shooting occurred, Police Capt. Smith said, and local police had no prior history of dealing with him.