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Killeen Police are investigating a shooting death that occurred during the early morning hours today, Saturday, April 02, 2011, just after 3:00am.

Officer responded to the 1100 block of S. Fort Hood St. at 3:05am, after receiving a 911 call about a shooting that had just occurred in the Denny's parking lot at 1108 S. Fort Hood St. Once the officers arrived they located a group of people, outside in the parking lot, around a black male who had just been shot and was lying on the ground.

After speaking with witnesses, the preliminary investigation revealed that two men were arguing in the parking lot when the suspect pulled a gun and shot the victim in the chest; the suspect then fled. The victim, 25 year old Justin Sheldon Richardson, a Fort Hood soldier, was transported to the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased at 4:55am by Justice of the Peace Bill Cooke. He ordered an autopsy to be performed at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas.

Through the investigation the identity of the suspect was determined and this case was reviewed by the Bell County District Attorney's Office. A complaint was returned charging 27 year old Michael Fitzgerald Reese, a Fort Hood soldier, with Murder. He was arrested at the Killeen Police Headquarters at 2:15pm. Reese is currently in the Killeen City Jail awaiting arraignment.

This case continues to be investigated and information will be provided as it becomes available.



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