

# Man charged in fatal street shooting Oct. 8

## Witnesses, surveillance video put suspect at scene of crime

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Information from witnesses and surveillance video led Wilmington police to a man suspected of shooting another man to death as he sat in a parked car with a child inside on Oct. 8.

Solomon E. Collins, 21, of the first block of Newport Ave. south of Wilmington, turned himself in to probation and parole officers Wednesday afternoon. He was charged with first-degree murder and possession of a deadly weapon during a felony.

According to court documents, an unidentified person was with Collins when Tommeear Tinnin was fatally shot. Tinnin was in the back seat of a car parked on West 23rd Street near Washington Street in Wilmington's Ninth Ward neighborhood when he was shot. He later died at Wilmington Hospital.

Witnesses saw Collins and another man run to a maroon Nissan Maxima parked near 23rd and Jefferson streets after the shooting, according to court records. A witness described Collins as wearing a brown hooded jacket with white letters across the front. Surveillance cameras in the area picked up images of Collins and the other suspect walking up to 23rd and Washington, and then west onto Jefferson.

Police found the car and talked to the owner, who said Collins had taken the car five days prior to the shooting and returned it the night of the murder. In the car, police said, they found a brown hooded sweat shirt with white letters across the front.

Court papers show that several witnesses called anonymously to identify Collins. Some also identified him through photographs.

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