

Shaffer Street Shooting

Bond denied in homicide

Prosecutor: Bateman fired the fatal shot in drive-by

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A Lynchburg woman charged with murder in the death of Lawrence Giusto early Sunday is believed to be the person who fired the fatal shot in a drive-by shooting, a

prosecutor said Thursday.

April Renae Bateman, 22, is the oldest of eight suspects arrested since the homicide. She and seven male suspects — four adults and three juveniles — face identical charges: one count each of first-degree murder, use of a firearm in commission of a

felony, shooting from an occupied vehicle and shooting into an occupied vehicle.

Lynchburg Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said at Thursday's bond hearing for Bateman that Giusto was shot in the back just before 2:30 a.m. on Shaffer Street.



Bateman

Giusto, 20, died from his injuries shortly after he was taken to the hospital, police have said.

Two vehicles were involved in the shooting, Felmlee said

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