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Man Dies Following Battery
Charges Upgraded to Second Degree Murder

East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Detectives responded to a battery at 11342 East Big Bend Avenue on March 23, 2013 at approximately 8:28 p.m. in which a man living in a group home allegedly beat another resident with a steel bar. The victim was transported to the hospital with serious injuries, and the suspect was booked for Aggravated Second Degree Battery. The victim died as a result of his injuries on April 11, 2013, and the suspect's charges were upgraded to Second Degree Murder today following the autopsy.

Wilson M. Cousin Jr., 46, is charged with the Second Degree Murder of sixty-six-year-old Richard Ray Gore.

According to reports, deputies responded to the home in reference to the battery complaint. Cousin told deputies that Gore continuously disrespected him by calling him names. Witnesses said Cousin picked up a three-foot long steel bar and began to strike Gore while he was asleep in the bed. Gore was transported to a local hospital with multiple lacerations, broken bones and a possible fractured skull.

Cousin was booked into Parish Prison on March 23rd for Aggravated Second Degree Battery. Gore died while in the hospital on April 11th as a result of his injuries. Cousin's charges were upgraded to Second Degree Murder.

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