

## REWARD HELPS GET WARRANT IN HIT-AND-RUN

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Two citizens, prompted by a \$1,000 **reward**, provided Highland Park police Wednesday with the identity of the Detroit man believed responsible for the **hit-and-run** death of 11-year-old Shawn Brown.

Police, using information gained from the tip, obtained a second-degree murder **warrant** against Ronald Jordan, 22.

Jordan was at large Wednesday, but police impounded his 1987 maroon Dodge Omni. Highland Park Police Officer Ronald Parham said the car matches the description given by witnesses to the accident Saturday afternoon.

Brown was hit while walking home from a party store near Hamilton Avenue and West McNichols, Parham said.

After being hit the youth clung to the hood of the car. Witnesses said the driver first tried to pull the boy off and then swerved for about three blocks until the boy was thrown onto the road.

Parham said he didn't know why the driver kept going after hitting Brown, but added that he didn't believe the child was intentionally run down.

LaNese Brown, 25, Shawn Brown's sister, said the family was relieved. "Just knowing that they know who did this eases our pain a lot," she said. "Shawn was too good of a little boy to die the way he did."

Parham said the tipsters came forward so they could claim the \$1,000 **reward** offered by a 57-year-old Beverly Hills man, who asked to remain anonymous.

Visitation is noon-1 p.m. Friday at the C.W. Morris Funeral Home at 12700 Hamilton **in** Highland Park. The funeral will follow.

Burial will be **in** the Sacred Heart of St. Mary Cemetery, E. 6 Mile Road and Mound **in** Detroit.

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Shawn Brown

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