

# Police: Man Shoots Girlfriend, Takes Her To Hospital, Then Arrested

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VENICE - The Venice Police Department reports today a man shot his girlfriend in the area of old Venice Tech and McKinley Bridge late Tuesday night, then transported the victim to a local hospital. The man was arrested and taken into custody at the hospital.

The man, Leon McLendon, 20, of Belleville, now faces a charge of aggravated battery with a firearm and aggravated discharge of a firearm.

The Venice Police received the call at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday to respond to the old Venice Tech and McKinley Bridge area.

McClendon is held on a \$200,000 bail at the St. Louis County Police Department. The Illinois State Police also assisted in the case.

