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Two Suspects Arrested in Home Invasion Robberies

Locations: 1927 36th Avenue North and 4730 15th Avenue North

Arrested Suspect:

#1 Anthony James Stewart, B/M, 07/21/83 of 4162 3 Avenue South, St. Petersburg (Booking photo attached)

#2 Maurice Emmanuel Climes, B/M, 10/05/85 of 1617 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd, Clearwater

At about 1:50 a.m. this morning officers responded to a suspicious circumstances call 1927 36th Avenue North in which a male called stating he got a text from his girlfriend at this location stating she was “being robbed.” He responded and saw movement inside the home. He called 911 and while officers were en route, he advised he could see inside and his girlfriend was tied up.

As officers arrived they observed the two suspects run from the home and then get into a waiting vehicle. A pursuit was authorized and the vehicle was pursued until the suspects fled from the vehicle in the 4700 block of 13th Avenue North. A perimeter was set around the area and the PCSO helicopter responded.

While searching for the suspects, they committed another Home Invasion at 4730 15th Avenue North. The two adult victims were asleep when two suspects kicked in their front door. One suspect came into their bedroom demanding the keys to their vehicle. The female victim grabbed their 7 day old infant, her phone, and hid in her closet to call the police. The male victim tried getting the suspects out of his house, but when this did not work, he grabbed his gun. The male victim ran after the suspects and almost shot them as they stole his vehicle.

Officers observed the victim’s vehicle drive off recklessly from this location and got behind the vehicle thinking the suspects had just stolen another vehicle. A pursuit was initiated of this vehicle which continued for approximately 20 minutes and spanned several cities (Pinellas Park, Kenneth City, etc...).

The suspect bailed in front of the Applebee’s on Park Boulevard in the Park Place Shopping Center (4000 block). One suspect ran to an occupied vehicle in the parking lot and attempted to carjack that vehicle before he was apprehended by several officers. Both suspects were taken into custody at this location.

A third suspect, the getaway driver from the first home invasion, is still at large.
There were no injuries. Four guns, two of which were assault rifles, were recovered from the first vehicle pursued.

Both suspects are being charged with multiple felonies to include home invasion robbery.

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