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Double Homicide at the Kenwood Village Inn

Deceased Victim: Eric T. Carter B/M, 3/2/71 of 701 34th Street North, St. Petersburg (Kenwood Village Inn)

Deceased Robbery Suspect: Garrick C. Lucas B/M, 2/4/87 of 615 37 Street North, St. Petersburg (mother’s address)

Wounded Victim: Micah Cave B/M, 6/28/95 of 401 34 Street North (Mosley Motel)

At approximately 0336 hours this morning officers responded to 701 34th Street North, the Kenwood Village Inn Motel, in reference to a shots fired call. Upon arrival officers located three wounded subjects lying outside on a patio on the NW corner of the motel.

The investigation revealed that Carter, Cave and four other men were playing a card game on the patio of the motel when they were approached by Lucas and a 2nd subject. Both Lucas and the 2nd subject were wearing masks and were armed with handguns in an apparent robbery attempt.

The victim Carter then produced his own handgun and exchanged gunfire with Lucas resulting in both men being wounded. Cave, who was not armed, was also struck during the exchange, but his wounds are not considered life threatening.

Paramedics pronounced Lucas dead on the scene. At the time of their arrival, officers found Lucas still wearing a mask and a handgun was found lying next to his body.

Both Carter and Cave were transported to a local hospital were Carter was subsequently pronounced deceased.

Detectives are still attempting to identify the 2nd suspect who fled the area on foot once the gunfire started. He is only described a masked black male last seen wearing all dark clothing.

It does appear that at the time of the attempt robbery that those playing cards were engaged in a game of “Tonk” and what has been described by witnesses as low stakes gambling was taken place.

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