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Update re: Homicide Investigation

Deceased Victim: Teddy Eugene Huff, W/M, 04/21/53 of 100 73 Avenue North, Apt 114, St. Petersburg. Mr. Huff was delivering newspapers for the Tampa Bay Times at the time of this incident.

The address for Kevin Parkhurst is 1335 55th Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

There is one correction from the information released this morning in that the weapon which Mr. Huff removed from his van was an ax handle as opposed to a baseball bat.

The Medical Examiner’s Office have contacted detectives with their preliminary report and indicated that while Mr. Huff had injuries consistent with his fall to the pavement, there are also indications that he had medical issues that possibly led or contributed to his death. A determinate cause is still pending further testing.

The call made by Mr. Parkhurst to 911 is still being evaluated by detectives and will not be released at this time.

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Detectives are investigating what is currently being classified as possible homicide resulting from a physical altercation between two men early this morning.

At approximately 2:48 a.m., officers responded to a call of a brawling with one party allegedly armed with a baseball bat in front of St. Anthony’s Hospital at 1201 5th Avenue North. Upon arrival, they discovered a 59 year old w/m unconscious on the street.

Another subject, identified as Kevin D. Parkhurst W/M, 2/2/88, told officers that he was riding his bicycle when a delivery van, operated by the now unconscious 59 year old w/m, had cut him off when it drove eastbound on 5th Avenue North in the westbound lanes.

A verbal argument ensued between the two and at some point the van driver obtained a baseball bat from his van and threatened Parkhurst with it. The two then began to struggle over the bat, during which time Parkhurst punched the van driver in the face with his fist.

The two disengaging and Parkhurst told the van driver he was calling the police. The van driver put the bat back in the van and appeared alert for a minute or so, but then started to stumble and suddenly fell backwards striking his head on the pavement.
Officers arriving on the scene found the van driver unconscious with no apparent pulse and he was transported to St. Anthony’s Hospital, where he subsequently pronounced dead. The precise cause of death will be determined by the Medical Examiner’s Office.

Parkhurst was transported to police headquarters for an interview with homicide detectives; however no charges have been filed at this time.
The name of the van driver is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

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