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Crash

At about 11:10 a.m. this morning officers responded to a reported accident at the intersection of 18 Avenue South and 22 Street.

Upon arrival, officers discovered that two vehicles had collided at the intersection, a 90’s Pontiac Sunbird and a Silver Chrysler Le Baron convertible. Further investigation revealed that one of the occupants of the Sunbird had suffered several gunshot wounds.

Investigators determined that the Sunbird, occupied by the victim and another unidentified male were stopped at the red-light heading southbound on 22 Street in the media lane.

A second car, described as white four door sedan, pulled along the right side of the Sunbird in the curb lane. The sedan was occupied by four men and it is believed that at least two of the occupants of that car began to fire guns at the occupants of the Sunbird.

In an attempt to escape, the driver of the Sunbird drove through the intersection, against the red-light and struck the silver Chrysler Le Baron which was entering the intersection with the green light. The suspects in the white sedan continued to fire at the Sunbird after the accident, striking the Le Baron in the process.

The suspect vehicle then fled the area and the two occupants of Sunbird attempted to flee the accident scene on foot, but the wounded victim collapsed in the parking lot of the credit union on the SE corner of the intersection.

He was a transported to local hospital and appears to be in stable condition at this time. The second unidentified occupant of the Sunbird was not located and it is unknown if he suffered any injuries.

The female driver and lone occupant of the Le Baron was uninjured although her car was struck several time by gunfire.

Investigators are still attempting to identify the suspects involved in this case and are seeking the public assistance. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call the St. Petersburg Police Department at 727-893-7780.

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