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Updated Information: Man Arrested in the case of an Armed Robbery at a Family Dollar Store, Police Pursuit and Fatal Crash on Thursday March 21, 2013

Arrested:

Alfonso Eugene Mackey, DOB: 3-14-82, 3601 Abington Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida, was released from Bayfront Medical Center today.

Mackey was arrested upon his release from the hospital and has been transported to the Pinellas County Jail on multiple charges, including: DUI Manslaughter, Vehicular Homicide, Murder in the Second Degree (Felony Murder) and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer.

One of the arrest affidavits indicated that Mackey’s medical blood tests screened positive for cocaine, marijuana and a small amount of alcohol.

Mackey will also be charged with the Armed Robbery to the Family Dollar Store in the very near future.

There are no other new developments in this case and the second suspect in the Armed Robbery has not been identified at this time.

Information by Bill Proffitt on April 2, 2013 at 4:10 p.m.

Here is the media alert on this story from Friday March 22, 2013:

St. Petersburg Police Robbery Detectives and Traffic Homicide Investigators are continuing their investigations of last night’s armed robbery to the Family Dollar Store and the subsequent fatality crash at 15th Avenue South and 40th Street.

The deceased passenger of the suspect’s vehicle has been identified as Dijon Senay Jackson, DOB: 07/27/1993. Jackson was a front seat passenger in the suspect’s vehicle at the time of the crash. Her address is 1409 Mill Street, Pittsburg, PA.

The driver has been identified as Alfonso Eugene Mackey, DOB: 03/14/1982, 3601 Abington Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Fl.

He is currently hospitalized at Bayfront Medical Center with serious but non-life threatening injuries. Mackey was released from prison in October, 2012, after serving a ten year sentence for car-jacking.
Mackey will be charged with the Armed Robbery to the Family Dollar store, Fleeing and Eluding and other charges for the traffic fatality after he is released from the hospital.

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According to investigators, Mackey and an unidentified black male suspect entered the Family Dollar Store, 1720 16th Street North at about 7:55 p.m. and committed an armed robbery.

Mackey, who was armed with a long-barreled pistol, entered the store first and immediately demanded the cashier to open the cash register.

He was followed inside by the 2nd suspect, who had his face covered and did not display a weapon. Mackey moved to the counter and continued demanding the cashier to open the cash register, but the clerk was unable to open the cash register due to his extreme nervousness.

At some point, Mackey discharged his weapon one time and reached under the counter to steal several packs of cigarettes.

It appeared the 2nd suspect was talking on a cell phone to a third party during the armed robbery. The 2nd suspect is described as a black male, 20’s - 30’s, dark complexion, who was wearing a black jacket with red around the collar and down the front of the jacket, faded-wash blue jeans, and a black New York Yankees baseball cap. He had a black covering over his face.

Both suspects then fled from the store.

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A witness outside the store saw the two suspects flee the area in a silver Chevrolet Monte Carlo that had been parked behind the store. The witness provided a very good description of the vehicle to the officers on the scene.

About 10 minutes later, undercover surveillance detectives with the Department’s C.A.S.E. Unit spotted the suspect’s vehicle at 5th Avenue South and 28th Street South.

They followed the suspect’s vehicle for a few minutes and observed three people in the car at that time.

The surveillance team briefly lost contact with the vehicle. We believe it is possible the second suspect got out of the suspect’s vehicle during that time. A short time later, the surveillance team re-located the suspect’s vehicle on 49th Street South and requested a marked police cruiser to stop the vehicle.

Two uniformed officers in marked police cruisers tried to stop the suspect’s vehicle near the intersection of 15 Avenue South and 49th Street South.

The suspect’s vehicle fled from officers, turning on 15th Avenue South from 49th Street South and accelerating eastbound on 15th Avenue South at a high rate of speed.
A police supervisor authorized the officers to pursue the suspect’s vehicle as it fled eastbound on 15th Avenue South.

In about the 4100 block of 15th Avenue, the suspect’s vehicle came upon another eastbound vehicle traveling at or near the speed limit.

The suspect’s vehicle crossed the double yellow line, heading eastbound in the westbound lane at a high rate of speed and then went around that vehicle.

The suspect’s vehicle swerved recklessly back toward the eastbound lane, then drove partially off the south curb line, and then locked up the brakes.

The suspect’s vehicle slid, rotating slightly counter-clockwise, until it struck a tree in front of 4010 15th Avenue South.

Mackey was extricated from the driver’s seat of the car by paramedics and transported to Bayfront Medical Center.

Jackson was pronounced dead on the scene.

Officers on the scene recovered the firearm used by Mackey during the armed robbery, along with the cigarettes stolen during the armed robbery, from the interior of the car.

Investigators are still working to determine what, if any, involvement Jackson had in the robbery.
At this time, we do not know if Jackson was waiting in the car during the armed robbery or if she got into the suspect’s vehicle after the armed robbery.

Investigators are still working to identify the second male suspect in the armed robbery.

We have a video of the armed robbery, but we are working on a few technical issues with the formatting of the video. We will release the video once we have resolved these issues.

We are asking anyone with information about the second suspect to call the non-emergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

Information by Bill Proffitt and Mike Puetz on Friday March 22, 2013 at 1:55 p.m.

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