UPDATE RE. OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Wounded Suspect Driver: Shaquelle F. Sweat, B/M, 03/11/94 of 2010 28th Street South, St. Petersburg

Wounded Passenger: Tyeisham U. Long, B/F, 06/27/97 of 201 36 Street North, St. Petersburg

Information is still preliminary at this point, but at about 3:43 p.m. this afternoon, officers assigned to the Department’s Street Crimes Unit spotted a white 2014 Nissan Altima 4 door sedan which had been reported stolen out of the City of Gulfport.

The vehicle had been seen pulling into the alley and backing into a parking spot to the rear of 1831 26 Street South. It was occupied by two subjects later identified as Sweet and Long.

As officers approached the car on foot in an effort to take the occupants into custody, Sweat, who was driving the Nissan, accelerated forward and drove directly at two officers, Richard Bishop, 30 (sworn officer since May 2011) and Brandon Bill, 31 (sworn officer since Nov 2008).

Both officers drew the firearms and discharged multiple rounds into the car as it came at them. Officer Bill was struck slight by the car as it sped past, but did not sustain any significant injury.

As the car made its way to the alley near Auburn Street, Officer George Graves, 29, (sworn officer since November 2008) also discharged his firearm at the vehicle multiple times.

The vehicle proceeded past Auburn Street and continued west through the alley south of 18th Avenue. The car then came to an abrupt stop about mid block where Sweat exited and began to run south bound on foot, abandoning the car.

Long, who remained in the vehicle on the passenger side, was found to have a bullet wound to the shoulders. She was treated by paramedics and then transported to Bayfront Medical Center with non-life threaten injuries.

Sweet was captured after a brief pursuit and was also discovered to have bullet wound to the arm and was transported to Bayfront Medical Center also with non-life threatening injuries.

The shooting is still under investigation by detectives from our Homicide and Internal Affairs Units at this time.

Charges against both Sweat and Long are pending

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***Officer Involved Shooting****

A male and a female were in a stolen vehicle parked in the alley of 1831 26 St S. As officers approached the vehicle trying to make an arrest, the male driver gunned the vehicle. Two or possibly three officers discharged their weapons toward the vehicle, striking the female passenger in the arm.

She has been taken to Bayfront Medical Center Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The male driver fled on foot but has now been taken into custody. He was shot but his injuries are also non-life threatening.

This is all preliminary information. We will provide further information as it is obtained and will advise on sound as well.