For Immediate Release
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Update re. Shooting in the 3600 block of 3rd Avenue South

At approximately 10:30 pm last night a birthday celebration was occurring at the residence located at 3634 3rd Ave South which attracted approximately one hundred and fifty attendees to the block.

Officers in an adjacent neighborhood alerted to the sounds of gunshots and arrived at the scene prior to being dispatched. While on scene officers attempted to disperse the large crowd that had gathered and located multiple shell casings from various caliber handguns. No one had the party claimed that anyone had been shot at that time.

While on scene officers were notified that multiple gunshot wound victims had arrived at Bayfront Hospital and All Children’s Hospital.

Subsequently four victims were identified, a 12 year old male, a 13 year old female and two 15 year old males, all of whom at been present at the shooting scene on 3rd Avenue South.

One of the 15 year old males was listed in critical, but stable condition. The other victims suffered various wounds, none of which are considered life threatening at this time.

The investigation is still ongoing, but preliminary information indicates that while the party was in progress a white vehicle drove by and at least one of occupants produced a handgun which he fired into the air. In response someone at the party fired back towards the white vehicle striking two occupants which were determined to be the two 15 year old males that later showed up at the hospital.

The 12 year old male and 13 year old female who were wounded were attending the party and it’s unclear at this time if they were hit by gunfire emanating from the white car or someone else at the party.

Detectives are still attempting to identify the various shooters involved and we will not be releasing the victim’s names at this time. It is suspected that shooting may have been prompted by an ongoing rivalry between two neighborhood groups.

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St. Petersburg Police Department Media Release

Date / Time of Release: 4/28/13 @ 0645 Hours
Incident: Attempt Homicide
Location: 3600 Block of 3rd Avenue South
Date / Time of Incident: 4/27/13 @ 2236 Hours
Victim(s): N/A (Juveniles)

Arrested: N/A

Charges: 2nd Degree Murder (Attempt)

Brief Description of Incident:

On 4/27/13 @ approximately 2236 hours, Officers responded to the 3600 block of 3rd Avenue South in reference to a shots fired call. Upon arrival, the Officers located several casings, but no victims. While the shots fired call was being investigated, two victims showed up at Bayfront Hospital and two at All Childrens Hospital.

The investigation revealed two subjects in a white newer model vehicle were shooting a gun into the air outside a birthday party at the occurred locations. After which a subject attending the party shot several rounds at the white vehicle, striking two occupants. One of the occupants in the vehicle received life-threatening injuries and is in critical, but stable condition at Bayfront Hospital. Two bystanders at the party were struck as well in the cross fire and received non-life threatening injuries.

No suspects have been identified in reference to the attempt homicide.

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