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2nd UPDATE re. Detectives Investigating Homicide in the 1600 Block of 27th Street South

Detectives have released additional details regarding the homicide death of Carlos Green whose body was found yesterday morning in the alley behind 1610 27th Street South.

Detectives have learned that on the evening of August 18th, Carlos Green attempted to commit an armed robbery to several individuals in the area of Fairfield Avenue South and 29th Street South. At the time Green was armed with a 9mm semi-automatic handgun and had his face concealed with a towel.

One of the individuals being robbed, Aaron McKenzie, B/M, 09/29/1980, was armed with a 40 cal. handgun and fired at Green in self defense. Green was struck at least twice in the head and neck area and is believed to have died on the scene.

Since McKenzie and the other robbery victims were dealing in narcotics at the scene of the shooting, they decided not to call the police and instead dispose of the body away from the immediate area. Green’s body was placed in the bed of a dark green Dodge Ram pick-up truck and driven out of the area just before midnight.

After Green’s body had been left in the alley behind 1610 27th Street South, McKenzie, now the only occupant of the truck, was driving the out of the area with his lights out. He ended up driving directly at a St. Petersburg Police cruiser operated by Officer Ryan Larson that was heading south in the 1100 block of 25th Street South. Officer Larson drove off the roadway to avoid a collision and then pursued the truck for approximately a minute and a half until it struck an embankment in the alley in the area of Freemont Terrance and 31st Street South.

McKenzie fled from the truck and was pursued by Officer Larson on foot to the yard of the residence located at 640 31 Street South. McKenzie was found hiding in bushes and physical resisted attempts by Officer Ryan to take him into custody. He was eventually subdued with the use of a tasar and handcuffed. During the course of the struggle Officer Larson’s right hand was broken.

McKenzie was charged with Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting with Violence and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding. The truck, which McKenzie had borrowed, was impounded, but officers were unaware at that time that it had been used to dispose of Green’s body.

After Green’s body was discovered, detectives began to gather details regarding Green’s death and went to the Pinellas County Jail where McKenzie was just preparing to bond out. McKenzie agreed to cooperate with the investigation and admitted that he had shot Green in self-defense during the robbery attempt. He directed detectives to the location where he had hidden both his and Green’s gun and provided the names of the other victim’s present during the robbery attempt.
At this time McKenzie remains free on bond and homicide detectives are continuing their investigation, however at this time it does appear that Green's death maybe be classified as a justifiable homicide. Detectives will be consulting with the Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney’s Office on any potential charges that may stem from this incident.

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UPDATE re. Detectives Investigating Homicide in the 1600 Block of 27th Street South

Homicide Victim: Carlos Green, B/M, DOB 05/11/73 of 1245 11th Avenue South, St. Petersburg

Homicide detectives have released the name of the victim from this morning’s homicide in the 1600 block of 27th Street South. The cause of death has been determined to be the result of gunfire to the upper body.

The victim had been released from the state prison system on July 1st 2013 after serving a 15 year sentence for manslaughter. Since his release he had been staying with relatives at 1245 11th Avenue South,

The investigation is still ongoing and no motive or possible suspect information is being released at this time.

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Detectives Investigating Homicide in the 1600 Block of 27th Street South

At about 7:30 a.m. this morning we received a call of a body lying in the alley behind the residence at 1610 27th Street South.

Officers arriving on the scene found a deceased black male who appeared to be in his late 20’s to early 30’s lying at that location. The body was discovered by a resident of a near-by home as he was leaving for work this morning.

The preliminary cause of death appears to be upper body trauma, but the Medical Examiner’s Office will determine the precise cause of death after an autopsy is performed.

At this time the man has not been identified, but we will provide an update later today once we have addition details.

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