Update re. Homicide Investigation at 3405 34th Street North

Arrested Suspect: David Charles Willey, W/M, DOB 07/08/1992 last known address of 5413 Blue Coral Way, New Port Richey, FL

Detectives arrested Willey in connection with this morning’s homicide at the Candlelight Inn. He was located by detectives in a vehicle in the vicinity of 64th Avenue North and 12 Street in St. Petersburg at about 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. He was arrested without incident.

The homicide victim is believed to be a 19 year male of Middle Eastern descent who has not been fully identified as yet. We will release his name once his identity has been confirmed and relatives notified. The victim was a registered guest at the motel.

Detectives report that Wiley met with the victim at the motel and accompanied him to his room sometime last night. Once inside, detectives believe Wiley stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper body with a knife and then left the room. A knife was recovered at the scene.

Motel security cameras were able to capture images of the suspect and victim entering the room together and then the suspect leaving the room alone. As the video is evidence, we will not be releasing copies of it at this time.

A motive for the murder has not yet been established.

Wiley is being charged with 2nd degree murder.

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Detectives are on the scene of an apparent homicide at the Candlelight Motel which is located at 3405 34th Street North.
One of the motel staff discovered the body of a white male in one of their rooms at about 10:30 a.m. this morning. Officers arriving on the scene determined that the body displayed evidence of homicidal violence and have secured the immediate area.

I hope to have some additional details to share later this afternoon after detectives have completed their preliminary investigation.

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