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UPDATE re. Shooting Investigation at 59th Avenue South and 31st Street

Victim: Abraham Jamal Kelty, DOB 04/23/1996 of 6236 13 Street South, St. Petersburg

Arrested Suspect: Dallan Steven Bolden, DOB 10/26/1995 of 1640 58th Avenue South, Apt # 1, St. Petersburg

Charge: Aggravated Battery

Detective have completed their preliminary investigation and have determined that Kelty and Bolden are familiar with each other and were engaged a physical confrontation in the 5900 block of 13 Street South this afternoon at about 2:00 p.m.

The nature of the dispute between them is not clear, but at some point during the struggle Bolden produced a 9mm semi-automatic handgun and shot Kelty four times in the face, arm and torso.

Kelty collapsed near the curb as Bolden fled south to the residence at 6055 30th Street South and was apparently allowed inside by an acquaintance. A witness to the shooting followed Bolden to that location and direct responding officers to his whereabouts.

Bolden exited the home without resistance and the firearm used in the shooting was found lying outside the house. He was later transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center where he was charged with aggravated battery.

Kelty was taken to the hospital in critical condition and was later taken to surgery. Detectives reported that Kelty was also found to be in possession of a handgun in his pocket as he was being medically treated.

The investigation is still ongoing. Both the victim and suspect have prior felony arrests.

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We are currently investigating a shooting which occurred at about 2:00 p.m. this afternoon near the intersection of 59th Avenue South and 31 Street.

The preliminary information is that the victim, who is a 17 year old male, and the suspect were engaged in a verbal dispute that escalated when the suspect produced a handgun and shot the victim several times.

The suspect fled south from the area and was followed by witnesses to a house at 6055 30th Street South. Officers responding to the area arrested the suspect at that location.

The victim was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he is reported to be in surgery.

I will provide an update when I have additional information.

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