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Alleged Kidnapping/Pursuit

Suspects:

#1 Julius L. Simons, B/M, 09/26/1993 of 1000 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg

#2 Keenan J. Wynn, B/M, 04/27/1993 of 5817 Fairfield Avenue South, Apt # 6, St. Petersburg

Victim:

Tracy Lilly, 46, of 5020 6th Avenue North

Suspect Vehicle;

1999 white Pontiac Montana Van with temporary tag

At about 7:00 this morning we received a cell phone call from the victim Tracy Lilly who informed our dispatch that he was calling from a Chase Bank ATM in the area of 38th Avenue North and 49th Street. He claimed that he was currently being force by two men to withdraw cash from the ATM in order to resolve an alleged drug debt.

According to Lilly the two men were waiting in white van parked near the ATM and he believed they might be a firearm in their possession. He described the van and then abruptly hung the phone up when the said the suspects were approaching him.

About 10 minutes later officers spotted a van matching the description given by Lilly in the area of 19th Avenue North and 49th Street. They attempted to stop the van which began to accelerate south on 49th Street in an attempt to elude the officers.

A pursuit was authorized and the van continues south at a speed estimated to be around 55 mph. The van then veered west then south bound again on 50th Street where the driver lost control and crashed at the intersection of 1st Avenue North.

One suspect (Simons), the driver, fled west from the scene on foot, but was apprehended near a house located at 5144 1st Avenue North which the second suspect (Wynn) was apprehended at the accident scene. Lilly was also found in the van and neither he nor the two suspects suffered any significant injury as a result of the accident.

Detectives are still interviewing the two suspects and the victim. Charges are pending at this time and will be included in a follow-up release.

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