For Immediate Release
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12 Year Old Robbed by 15 Year Old with Gun

Arrested Suspect: Latellis V. Everett, DOB 01/15/98 of 1020 17th Street South, St. Petersburg (Booking photo attached)

Charges: Armed Robbery, Resisting an Officer w/ Violence, Criminal Mischief and VOP re. Home Detention Shooting a Firearm from a Vehicle. Charges against Everett will be direct filed as an adult.

Yesterday afternoon the 12 year old victim and his father came to police headquarters regarding a late reported robbery.

According to the victim he was riding his bicycle in the Citrus Grove Apartment Complex at 711 15th Street South around 9:00 pm on the evening of Wednesday, 06/19/13, when he was approached by the suspect whom he knew only by the name of “Tellis”.

The suspect demanded his bicycle and when the victim refused the suspect produced a dark colored semi-automatic handgun from his waistband and pointed at the victim, again demanding the bicycle.

The suspect started poking the victim in the chest with the barrel of the gun and then pushed the victim off the bike onto the ground. The suspect then reached over a removed a small about of cash from the victim’s pants pocket and the rode away on the victim’s bike.

The victim did not initially report the incident out of fear of retaliation by the suspect, but the victim’s father found out about it from a man who had witnessed it and he took his son to the station to make a report.

The victim was able to identify Everett from a photo line-up and he was subsequently arrested at his home yesterday afternoon. The firearm used in the robbery was not recovered.

While being interviewed at the station by detectives, Everett became combative and had to be restrained. Everett remained combative as officers attempted to place him in a police cruiser and as a result one officer did suffer a laceration above his left eye which required stitches to close. At the same time Everett managed to break out the rear right side passenger window of the cruiser.

At the time of the armed robbery occurred, Everett was suppose to be on court ordered home detention for an April 27th 2013 shooting incident at 3643 3rd Avenue South.

Everett was charged in that case with discharging a firearm from a vehicle when he and another 15 year old fired a
handgun from a car as they passed an outdoor birthday party in progress (See attached media release of 04/28/2013). Everett was wounded in the legs by retaliatory gunfire directed back at the vehicle during that incident.

Detectives are still attempting to locate the handgun used in the robbery and asking anyone with information to contact the St. Petersburg Police at the non-emergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

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Media Alert of Sun Apr 28, 2013 13:17

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 3743 3 Ave S 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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