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Detectives Seek Public’s Help in Locating Suspect re. Assault on Officers

Wanted Suspect:  Adrian Maurice Lovett, B/M, DOB 09/26/1992 (PCSO booking photo attached). Lovett is 6’2”, 130 lbs, with a tattoo on his left forearm that says “Hardtime” and tattoos on his right forearm of two tombstones, one that say “RIP Mercedes” and the other which says “RIP Randy”.

Detectives are seeking the public’s help in locating Lovett, a St. Petersburg resident, whose current whereabouts is unknown.

Lovett is believed to be the driver of the vehicle involved in the Aggravated Battery on three officers at intersection Neptune Drive and Beach Drive SE on Coquina Key on Monday, March 11th. At that time he was driving a silver 4 door sedan, but it is unknown if he is still in possession of that vehicle or not.

Lovett has prior arrests over the last two years for Dealing in Stolen Property, Possession of Marijuana and Auto Theft.

Anyone with information should call 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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UPDATE re. Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer

The officer injured last night and taken to the hospital is Brian Prest, 41, who has been a sworn officer since June 2009. He was diagnosed with a mild concussion and was treated and released early this morning.

The two other officers struck last night are Scott Kirpan, 30 and Timothy Reyes, 29. Both were examined at the scene by paramedics, but determined not to have any significant injuries.

The passenger taken out of the suspect vehicle was charged with possession of marijuana. He has been identified as Donald Callaway, 10/21/86 of 2501 13th Street South, St. Petersburg.
The driver of the vehicle remains at large. I will check with investigators this morning to determine if we can release his identity.

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Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer

We are currently on the scene of aggravated battery on an officer which occurred at the intersection of Neptune Drive and Beach Drive SE on Coquina Key.

Information is still preliminary, but earlier in the evening uniformed officers and fire department personnel had responded to a vehicle accident near that location in which a pole had been struck and power lines were knocked down. Officers had blocked the streets leading into the area to prevent other vehicles from entering.

At about 8:45 p.m. a silver four door sedan approached the intersection at Neptune and Beach at a high rate of speed and then came to an abrupt stop. The officer securing that intersection approached the male driver and immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the car.

The officer ordered him to shut the vehicle off to which the driver complied. The officer then instructed the driver and his male passenger to exit the car, however it appeared both subjects were reluctant to comply and the officer requested the assistance of two other officers nearby who responded to the scene.

Officers assisted the passenger out of the car and the turned their attention to the driver. As they opened the door, the driver quickly restarted the car and placed it into gear. He the accelerated forward striking the three officers with the still open car door and the careened into a fire rescue truck parked nearby. The vehicle then fled the area before other officers in the area could initiate a pursuit.

One officer suffered injuries significant enough to warrant transport to a local hospital for examination, but he is currently in fair condition and his injuries do not appear to be serious at this time. The other two officers struck by the car to do not appear to be injured and have remained on the scene to assist in the investigation.

The passenger of the car has been detained and officers believe a possible suspect has been identified. At this point we will not be releasing the name of the possible suspect or passenger.

Once I confirmation that the injured officer's family is aware of his condition, I will release his name in an update.

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