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Update re. Shooting at New Plaza Motel

Deceased Suspect:  Anthony G. Taylor, B/M, DOB of 8/25/67

Homicide detective have identified Taylor as the decease suspect in this morning's shooting at the New Plaza Motel.

According to witnesses, Taylor had worked at the motel as a security guard and was staying in one of the rooms, but management terminated his employment about two months ago because he had gotten into several confrontations with motel patrons.

Taylor was still allowed to rent a room, but apparently had been recently told he was going to be evicted due to his being behind in his rent.

It not clear at this point what Taylor’s motive was for shooting the night clerk, Jerome Horacek. Horacek was not responsible for Taylor’s termination as a security guard or his eviction from the motel and had casual conversation with Taylor an hour or so prior to the shooting.

Detectives believe that Taylor may have been attempting to rob Horacek who immediately attempted to flee once Taylor entered the office and pointed the handgun at him. Horacek was shot as he fled and was struck multiple times in the upper torso, but is expected to survive.

Once Horacek had fled from the office, Taylor was seen shooting out the window glass at the office entrance and then fleeing the area.

As noted previously, a K-9 unit tracking from the area after officers arrived on the scene found Taylor’s body in a lot at 3462 3rd Avenue North after he had apparently committed suicide with the same handgun used in the shooting at the New Plaza office.

The investigation is still ongoing and we don’t anticipate any further updates in the near future.

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