For Immediate Release
Oct 16, 2013

Updated Information: Homicide Suspect Damon Ford
Arrested in Clearwater, Florida

On Wednesday October 16, 2013 in the early afternoon, Clearwater Police Department officers were conducting warrant checks on individuals near the Hilltop Motel, 1466 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater, Florida when they detained Damon Ford.

Ford initially provided the Clearwater Police Officers with a false name, but they soon discovered his true identity and arrested him on a First Degree Murder warrant from this case.

Ford was arrested without incident.

St. Petersburg Police Detectives attempted to interview Ford at police headquarters, but he was not cooperative with investigators and declined to make any statements.

Ford has been transported to the Pinellas County Jail. I have attached a 2010 Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office booking photo of Damon Ford.

Information by Bill Proffitt on October 16, 2013 at 3:15 p.m.

Here are the prior press releases regarding this case:


Detectives have identified the suspect in last Friday’s homicide of Caleb Scott at the BP Gas Station at 2753 5th Avenue South. A warrant charging Ford with 1st degree murder has been issued and detectives are seeking the public’s help in locating him.

Anyone with information on Ford’s whereabouts is asked to contact Detective Kenny Miller at 727-214-4536 or our nonemergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

Information released by Mike Puetz, 727-893-7550, michael.puetz@stpete.org

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Previous Release of Fri Oct 04, 2013 09:39:23

Update re. Homicide of Caleb Scott.

Homicide detectives have released that attached security camera video from the BP Service Station in this morning’s homicide of Caleb Scott.

The suspect, a thin black male in his late teens to early twenties, is seen in the video wearing a white tank top, black hat with white writing on the front and black pants. He appears to be accompanied by a black female wearing a pinkish colored dress.

In the video the suspect opens the door to the BP Station, but stops and turns towards the victim Caleb Scott (wearing a white horizontal striped shirt) as he approaches from behind. It appears that they exchange words as Scott walks past the suspect and unto the store. It’s not clear at this time whether the victim and suspect were acquainted with each other prior to this incident.

While standing in the doorway, Scott turns back to face the suspect and they continue to exchange words at which point the suspect produced a handgun and shot Scott multiple times in the chest.

We are not releasing the full video which does depict the actual shooting, but it did take place right at the front door just at the moment the released version of the video ends.

After the shooting, the suspect and the accompanying female fled the area on foot. At no point are they seen arriving in or leaving in a car, so they may reside or have acquaintances in the near-by neighborhood.

In the processes of fleeing the area the suspect did drop his hat which has been recovered by detectives. Aside from the man seen wearing the green outfit standing near the counter and the store clerk, detectives are also interested in identifying various individuals seen in and outside the store at the time of the shooting who did not remain on scene to be questioned by responding officers.

Anyone who can identify the suspect, the female accompanying him or any other individual seen in the video, is asked to contact

Detective Kenny Miller at 727-214-4536 or our non-emergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

A higher quality version of the video can be seen at http://youtu.be/Bg2kc7fjE24

Information released by Mike Puetz, 727-893-7550, michael.puetz@stpete.org

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Previous release:

Date / Time of Release: 10/04/13 @ 0315 Hours
Incident: Homicide
Location: 2753 5th Avenue South (BP Service Station)
Date / Time of Incident: 10/04/13 @ 0013 Hours
Victim(s): Caleb K. Scott B/M, 4/6/92 LKA 4320 9th Avenue South

Brief Description of Incident:

On 10/4/13, detectives investigated the homicidal death of Caleb K. Scott B/M, 4/6/92, at 2753 5th Avenue South (BP Service Station). The investigation revealed Scott and an unknown black male suspect engaged in a verbal dispute. After which, the suspect produced a firearm and shot Scott in the upper torso.

Scott was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he died as a result of his injuries.

The motive for the shooting is unclear at this time. Detectives are following up on several leads. The investigation is ongoing.

The next of kin has been notified and the victim's name can be released to the general public.

Release Prepared by:

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