Suspect Charged in MLK Day Homicide

Arrested Suspect: Charles Diego Dorns Jr., B/M, DOB 04/11/1997 of 1630 Russell Street South, St. Petersburg (Booking photo attached)

This afternoon detectives charged Dorns with 1st degree murder in the shooting death of Arsenio Brinson which took place on the Dr. M.L. King Holiday (January 20th, 2014) in the 1900 block of 20th Street South.

Detectives believe that Dorns came up behind the victim unannounced, shot him in the back of the head with a handgun and then fled the area. The motive for the homicide is still under investigation.

Dorns was already in custody in the Pinellas County Jail on several robbery charges at the time he was charged in the homicide.

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For Immediate Release

Date / Time of Release: 1/20/14 @ 2345 Hours

Incident: Homicide
Location: 1900 block of 14th Street South
Date / Time of Incident: 1/20/14 @ 2112 Hours
Victim(s): Arsenio T. Brinson B/M, 10/27/87
LKA 800 Treasure Court South

Arrested: N/A
Charges: N/A

Brief Description of Incident:

On 1/20/14, officers responded to the 1900 block of 14th Street South, in reference to shots being fired. Upon arrival, officers located Arsenio Brinson lying on the ground with several gunshot wounds to his upper body. Rescue personnel pronounced Brinson deceased at the scene. A second victim was shot in his lower extremities and was transported to the Bayfront Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The motive for the shooting is unclear and there are no identifiable suspects at this time.

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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