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UPDATE re. Four Suspects in Custody in Series of Pellet Gun Shootings

Information is still preliminary, but it appears we have 10 shooting incidents in which 9 people were struck with pellets.

Those locations and victims, not in order of occurrence, are as follows;

- 7th Avenue North and Lafayette Street - adult male shot in the back
- 920 15th Avenue South - adult female shot in the back
- 3200 1st Avenue South - 2 adult men shot in the legs
- 1200 Northshore Drive NE - adult female shot in the leg
- 5th Ave NE and Bayshore Dr (Vinoy Park) - adult male and family shot at, but not struck
- 447 23rd Avenue North - adult male shot in the back
- 4th Avenue North & 34 Street (near Mosley Motel) - adult male shot in the back
- 2nd Avenue NE and Bayshore Dr - two adult male, both struck in the hands
- 555 31 Street South - adult female shot in the back
- 900 4th Street North - two adult male shot at, but not struck

None of the injuries appear serious at this point.

Detectives advise that three of the four suspects detained will be charged in these cases. All are adult males. The vehicle used by them belongs to the step-father of one of the suspects. I will be releasing their names later this afternoon.

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Previous Release

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Beginning at about 9:30 A.M. this morning we began to receive over a half a dozen calls over a one hour period of people reporting being shot or shot at by suspects armed with a pellet gun driving a Silver SUV. This occurred at several different locations throughout the City and I not aware of any serious injuries that resulted from these attacks.
At approximately 10:45 A.M. officers located the suspect vehicle, a silver Ford Expedition, in the area of 9th Avenue North and 12th Street. The four occupants were taken into custody and a pellet gun recovered.

I’m still working on details and will forward them out hopefully around mid afternoon.

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