Update re. Attempt Robbery/Shooting 3212 33rd Avenue North

I understand the wounded victim's injuries are considered minor and he should be released from the hospital shortly. The female victim was treated for a minor injury to her head and likewise will be released.

With the suspect still at large, I will be withholding the two victim's identities for the time being.

At this time it is unknown whether the suspect in this case may be related to other robberies. Detectives were on the scene and will conducting further investigation.

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Previous release

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At about 1:22 p.m. we received a call of a person shot at 3212 33rd Avenue North, Arriving officers found a 66 year old male victim suffering gunshot wounds to the chest and arm. He was transported a local hospital for treatment and at this time his wounds do not appear to be life-threatening.

Officers learn that the victim and a 65 year old female companion had exited their home preparing to leave for a doctor's appointment. At that time they were approached by the black male suspect who was riding a bike. The suspect produced a handgun and began pulling on the woman's purse while pistol whipping her in the head. The male victim picked up a shovel in an effort to defend the woman when he was shot by the suspect.

The suspect fled the area and was last seen heading east bound on 33rd Avenue North. He did not take the woman's purse.

The suspect is described as a B/M, 18-23 years of age, 5’10”, 145 lbs, last seen a dark flannel shirt over a dark t-shirt. He was riding a turquoise colored beach cruiser type bike, which may have had fenders on it.
I'll provide an update once I have additional information.

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