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Homicide 700 Block of 34th Street South

Detectives are investigating a homicide which took place early this morning in the 700 block of 34th Street South.

At about 2:40 a.m. this morning a passerby reported hearing a gunshot coming from the pedestrian overpass which spans 34th Street South. Upon looking further he discovered the victim lying on the overpass suffering a gunshot wound to the upper body and called 911.

The victim was transported to Bayfront Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The victim has been identified as Donald J. Avery, W/M, DOB 10/21/1996 of 2039 17th Street South, St. Petersburg. His parents have been notified of his death.

Detectives are in the process of attempting to identify suspects and motive in the case, but there is no additional information to release at this time.

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