St. Petersburg Police Department
News Release

For Immediate Release
Dec 08, 2015

Update re. Drive-by Shooting and Pursuit

Officers at the scene of the crash report that attempts to locate the suspects have been unsuccessful and they are suspending further efforts at this time. The only suspect descriptions are two black male in their later teen to early twenties. There is evidence in the recovered stolen vehicle that a firearm had been inside at one time, but none was found and it was likely either taken with the suspects as they fled on foot or discarded from the car during the course of the pursuit. Officers will on the scene processing the recovered stolen vehicle.

The wounded victim is a 19 year old male who resides at address were the drive-by took place. His condition stills appears to be stable and non life threatening. His identity will not be released at this time. Officers have not determined a motive for the shooting as yet, but the investigation continues.

If anyone has information on the identity of these suspects or information on the shooting they are asked to please call the St. Petersburg Police at 727-893-7780 or use the anonymous Tip-411! Text “SPPD” and your tip to 847-411 (Tip-411).

St. Petersburg and Gulfport officers are currently on the scene of an accident at 5140 Tangerine Blvd South in Gulfport in which two drive-by shooting suspects crash a stolen SUV into a tree after fleeing from officers.

At approximately 7:49 pm, a maroon Hyundai SVU pass by 1201 10 Avenue South where four men were sitting on a porch. One of the occupants in the Hyundai fired multiple rounds at the men, striking one in the leg, and then left the scene. The wounded man was taken to the hospital by friends and his condition is not considered life threatening.
At 7:56 pm, officers spotted the suspect vehicle in the 34th Street South area and attempted to stop the Hyundai which was determined to be stolen. The vehicle fled from officers and a pursuit was initiated which was confined primarily to the area around Childs Park. The pursuit ended when the Hyundai left the road and struck a tree in front of 5140 Tangerine Blvd South. Two male suspects fled from the vehicle on foot and officers have set a perimeter and are checking the area with the use of a K-9. There were no reports of any other accidents or injuries during the pursuit.