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Officer Shot

Deceased Suspect: Austin Lee Goodner, W/M, DOB of 11/16/1996, resided at 5236 Robin Lane North, St. Petersburg.

To recap information provided by Chief Holloway earlier, at about 6:00 p.m. this evening, 5/17, officers responded to a call of a person shot in the area of 1886 Coffee Pot Blvd NE.

The male victim reported that he had a verbal altercation with W/M subject who produced a handgun and shot him once in the hand. The armed suspect then fled the scene on a bicycle.

Investigators developed Goodner as a possible suspect and officers responded to his last known address at 5236 Robin Lane North.

At about 6:46 p.m., while officers were searching around the exterior of the house, Goodner suddenly appeared armed with a handgun and fired at one officer, wounding him in the leg. Additional officers on the scene confronted Goodner who fired his weapon again. Officers returned fire and Goodner was wounded in the upper body and later died at the hospital.
The wounded officer is 40 years of age and has been a sworn officer for over 10 years. His wound is not life threatening.

The department’s Investigative Services Bureau and Office of Professional Standards, as well as the Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney’s Office are conducting ongoing investigations.