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2nd Arrest in Shooting/Homicide

Major Crimes Detectives arrested a second suspect, Michael Murray, DOB 2-7-1990, in the double shooting that occurred August 16, at 3745 9th Ave. No. Murray’s photo is attached.

Murray is charged with 1st degree murder and attempted felony murder.

Murray and Neville Chambers (arrested earlier) planned to rob the victims when they met in the library parking lot for a drug deal. During the drug deal Murray shot both victims.

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Update: Shooting/Homicide Investigation

The St. Petersburg Police Department is asking for the public’s help in attempting to identify a person of interest in the August 16, 2016 shooting/homicide that occurred at 3745 9th Avenue North.

Major Crimes Unit detectives have obtained a video that shows this person of interest just prior to the shooting/homicide. The person of interest is a black man, appearing to be 6-00 to 6-02 in height, and weighing around 250 pounds. He is wearing a baggy red tee shirt, baggy long red shorts, white ankle socks, and sandals.

If anyone knows the identity or location of this person of interest, they are asked to call the St. Petersburg
Police Department at 727-893-7780.

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Update: Shooting Investigation

On August 16, 2016, at approximately 10:50 p.m., at 3745 9th Avenue North in St. Petersburg, the St. Petersburg Police Department received a call about two men shot inside a car. Once officers arrived on scene, they located two men who had sustained gunshot wounds. Both men were transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital for medical treatment. Major Crimes Unit detectives responded to investigate.

Today, August 17, 2016, at 10:18 a.m., one of the men died as a result of his wounds. He has been identified as Mark Pointer, b/m, 1/27/1991, of 8102 Stonefield Way, Tampa.

The other victim, Julius Buchanan, b/m, 1/30/1988, of 8603 Cottonway Lane, Tampa, remains at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital in critical condition.

During their investigation, detectives were able to locate and arrest a suspect in the shootings, a Neville Allen Chambers, b/m, 10/06/1994, of 450 3rd Avenue South, St. Petersburg. Chambers was charged with First Degree Felony Murder and booked into the Pinellas County Jail.

Detectives are still actively looking for a second suspect in the shootings.

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