Celebratory Gunfire Arrests

This morning we had two incidents which resulted in arrests related to celebratory gunfire.

In the first case, at about 12:30 am this morning officers responded to a call at 2609 3rd Avenue South in reference to male subjects in the area with guns. As officers approached the scene shots were fired in the area and a subsequent search found four men in front of that address, two observed with rifles.

When approached by officers the four males began to flee the area on foot and all four were apprehended. One rifle, one carbine and one handgun were recovered. Numerous shell casings lined 3rd Avenue South indicating that the suspects had been engaged in celebratory gunfire. One of the firearms was discovered to be stolen.

The suspects and charges are as follows;

Jararski Ra’sharde Sandy, DOB 07/02/1987 3806 9th Avenue North # 22, St. Petersburg. He charged with Improper Exhibition of a Firearm and Obstruction.

Samuel Madison Lavine, DOB 10/14/1996 of 2412 Melrose Avenue South, St. Petersburg. He is charged with Possession of Marijuana and Obstruction.

Arron Jordon Woody, DOB 10/12/1989 of 2438 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg. He is charged with Obstruction.

Elijah Dreshaud Johnson, DOB 10/03/1995 of 1229 24th Street South, St. Petersburg. He is charged with Grand Theft of a Firearm, Improper Exhibition of a Firearm and Obstruction.

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Then in the second case at about 2:00 am officers were dispatched to a call at 640 29th Street South regarding a male shooting a rifle. Upon arrival, officers found numerous shell casings on the ground and the male suspect sitting in a red Monte Carlo parked in front of the address. An AK-47 style rifle was observed in the back seat in plain view.

Officers made contact with the man and began asking him about the weapon, but he refused to provide any demographic information or talk about the weapon. He was subsequently taken into custody. He was identified as Arron Rodriguez Hinson, DOB 05/18/1983 of 1118 43rd Street South. He was taken to the Pinellas County Jail and charged with obstruction and felon in possession of a firearm.