Teen Shot Update to include new details

On June 14, 2016, at 1:18 a.m., St. Petersburg Police Department patrol units and Major Crimes Unit detectives responded to a shooting at 4634 20th Avenue South (corrected address). Several dozen people had gathered at this location for a welcome home party for a man just released from prison.

This was not a drive-by shooting as initially described. After speaking with witnesses, detectives learned two men, with their faces covered, approached the gathering on foot and fired shots. A bullet struck Javarius Rashard Martin, 9/2/1999, (note he is 16, not 15 as previously reported), in the head. He lives at 1545 Scranton Street South.

By the time officers reached the scene, Martin had been placed in a private vehicle to be driven to the hospital. Other responding officers stopped that vehicle at 22nd Avenue South and 46th Street South, where St. Petersburg Fire-Rescue paramedics began treating him and then transported Martin to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg.

Martin is currently listed in very critical condition. There were no other injuries.

The residence to the west of 4634 20th Avenue South, 4642 20th Avenue South, was also struck by gunfire.

At this time there are no known suspects. The investigation is ongoing.

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