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Update to Shooting Investigation

On 2/29/2016, just after 8pm, officers were called to 1040 16th Street South in reference to a person shot. They discovered the victim, Ricky Eugene Simmons, B/M 11/15/65, had been shot one time by suspect Darryl Keith Atkins, B/M 9/8/63.

The men knew each other and had possibly been in a dispute sometime last week. Last night Atkins was parked behind 1516 James Avenue South, and called Simmons over to his vehicle...then shot him. Atkins drove off and Simmons managed to make his way to 3 Brothers convenience store (1040 16th Street South) on foot.

Simmons was transported to Bayfront Health and he is currently listed in stable condition. Investigators are searching for Atkins and ask anyone with information to call 893-7780, or text SPPD+their tip to tip411.

Attached is a photo of Atkins from an arrest in 2005.

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Shooting Investigation

SPPD report # 2016-009866

On Monday, February 29, 2016, just a little after 8:00 p.m., St. Petersburg Police Department officers responded to a shooting at 1516 James Avenue South. Two adult men got into an argument. One man was seated in a car with the other man standing outside the car.

Tip 411
The man seated in the car shot the man standing outside the car. The shooter in the car then left the area. The person shot was transported to Bayfront Health Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Major Crimes Unit detectives arrived and are investigating. There is no further information at this time.