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Suspect Arrested for Luring Teens

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St. Petersburg Police detectives arrested D'Andre Banks (DOB 05/01/1992) on two counts of kidnapping and one count of sexual battery with a deadly weapon involving two teenaged boys in separate cases.

The first incident occurred on 06/29/2017. Banks posed as a teenaged girl on Facebook and lured a 17 year old boy to a house near MLK St. S and Paris Avenue South. Banks was armed with a handgun and threatened the boy before sexually assaulting him.

A second incident occurred on 07/17/2017. Banks posed as a teen girl on Facebook and lured a 15 year old boy to a vacant house at 1830 20th Street South. The boy was able to escape unharmed.

We believe there may be more victims. If anyone has additional information, please call our non-emergency number 893-7780 or text SPPD + your tip to TIP411.

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