Homicide Suspect Arrest

Shortly after 9:15 this evening, the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office Violent Offender Warrant Unit arrested a man on a warrant from the St. Petersburg Police Department charging him with First Degree Murder for the death of John Andrew Hutchens. Juan Carlos Juares (AKA Juan Carlos Juarez), DOB 8-7-89, was found at a residence in unincorporated Pinellas County not far from where Hutchens cab was found. He did not resist deputies.

St. Petersburg Police detectives identified Juares as a suspect earlier in the day based on witness interviews and evidence, and were able to establish probable cause to obtain the arrest warrant. Throughout the afternoon detectives attempted to locate Juares, whose last known address was 4000 24th Street North #910, and enlisted the assistance of the Violent Offender Warrant Unit.

At this hour detectives continue to speak with additional witnesses and will not have any more information tonight. Juares will be booked at the Pinellas County jail shortly.