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Update: Person Shot

This is an update to the earlier shooting that took place today at approximately 12:45 p.m. on 22nd Avenue North just west of I-275 in St. Petersburg.

The victim in the shooting, identified as Bryan Stevens, W/M, 12/17/1982, and the suspect, Vincent Pontone, W/M, 08/29/1957, engaged in a verbal altercation at Wawa, 2465 22nd Avenue North. After the verbal altercation, Stevens threw coffee at or on Pontone. Stevens then left eastbound on his bicycle. Pontone left Wawa in his car shortly after Stevens was seen leaving.

The two eventually met at the eastbound traffic light at 22nd Avenue North and I-275. There are varying accounts of what occurred at this point, but Stevens did eventually end up in the median on his bicycle and engaged in a verbal confrontation with Pontone.

Pontone alleges that he was in fear after Stevens aggressively approached him at the intersection while awaiting the eastbound traffic light to change. Pontone produced a handgun and fired two shots, striking Stevens in the upper torso twice. Stevens was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital and has been stabilized.

The investigation is still ongoing at this point.

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Person Shot

The St. Petersburg Police Department is currently working a person shot on 22nd Avenue North just west of I-275.

Preliminary information is that a man in his forties, who was riding a bicycle, had an argument with a man in his fifties at the Wawa, 2465 22nd Avenue North. The man on the bicycle then rode away from Wawa eastbound on 22nd Avenue North. The man in his fifties got into his car and left Wawa also eastbound on 22nd Avenue North.

While the man in the car was stopped at a traffic light on 22nd Avenue North just west of I-275, the man on the bicycle rode up to the car and a verbal exchange began anew. The man in the car, during the argument, produced a handgun and shot the man on the bicycle.

The victim was transported by responding medical personnel to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital with possible life-threatening wounds. The shooter remained on scene and is cooperating with investigators. Major Crimes Unit detectives are responding to the scene.

There is no further information at this time. As any additional details are developed, updates will be provided.

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