



PRESS RELEASE

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Update: Bay Vista Park Shooting

On Wednesday, 10/04/17 around 10:35pm- Barry Watkins (BM, DOB 02/03/58) and his adult son were involved in an altercation with Marc Branch (WM, DOB 10/16/73), who is unknown to them.

After parking his vehicle at Bay Vista Park, Watkins left to use the restroom and was approached by Branch. Branch began aggressively approaching the passenger side door where Watkins' son was standing and forcefully pushed the vehicle door - pinning the leg of Watkins' son.

Watkins yelled out to Branch to get back. Branch then aggressively approached Watkins and Watkins shot him. Branch's injuries are not considered life threatening.

The investigation is ongoing. No arrests have been made at this time.

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Shooting Investigation

Police are investigating a shooting that occurred at 10:40pm, at Bay Vista Park near the boat docks, in the area of 7000 4th St. South.

Preliminary information is that one man was shot and taken to the hospital. His injuries are not considered life- threatening.

Detectives are interviewing the people involved, (including the suspected shooter) at the scene.

No more Information will be released this evening.