



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **Suspect Wounded During Armed Robbery Attempt**

Suspect: Anthony Lawrence Hauser, 10/03/93 (Juvenile), 3760 38th Avenue North, St. Petersburg

Victim: Raven Smith, DOB 09/08/76 of 6626 1 Street NE, St. Petersburg

Victim: Lesley Tanner, 03/01/84 of 6626 1 Street NE, St. Petersburg

At about 10:30 p.m. last night, the victims Smith and Tanner had parked their car at the rear of the Applebee's Restaurant at 4700 4th Street North to get something to eat.

As Tanner exited the passenger seat and walked to the rear of their car she was approached by the suspect Hauser who was wearing a ski mask over his face and was armed with a handgun. Hauser pointed the gun at Tanner as the victim Smith began to exit the driver's seat and saw Hauser with the gun pointed at Tanner.

Smith, who possesses a concealed weapons permit, drew his 380 cal. handgun and fired at the Hauser multiple times. Hauser was stuck four times and yelled at Smith to stop shooting. He pulled the mask off his face and claimed the gun he was holding was a "fake". In fact Hauser's gun was later discovered to be a fully loaded and operational 25 cal. auto.

After the shooting, Smith flagged down an officer passing in the area and Hauser was subsequently transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he underwent surgery. Although in serious condition, at last report Hauser is expected to survive his wounds.

No charges are pending against Smith who was acting in defense of Tanner and himself.

Hauser will be charged with two counts of Attempted Armed Robbery.

Information provided by Mike Puetz

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