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Update re. Suspect Arrested in Attempted Armed Robbery/ Shooting

At this time Rondereko Watson is being charged with Felony Driving while License Suspended and Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Injuries. These charges are the result of this morning's accident at 49 Avenue north and 4 Street where Watson failed to yield to a south bound Toyota Corolla 4 dr. The driver of that car, a 46-year-old female, was taken to Bayfront Medical Center with minor injuries.

Based on additional information developed this morning, detectives will defer adding any additional charges on Watson pertaining to the shooting of Cortez Foster until further investigation is completed.

The two individuals who were initially detained and believed to have fled from the car with Watson were detained, interviewed and later released.

Information released by Mike Puetz

Media release of 1:18 p.m., 12/07/11 *** Suspect Arrested in Attempted Armed Robbery/Shooting**

Arrested Suspect: Rondereko Dermon Watson, aka Rondrico Styles, B/M, 08/09/80, last known address of 324 30 Avenue North, Apt# 1D, St. Petersburg

At approximately 11:12 a.m. this morning, a 2012 white Lincoln rental sedan was involved in an accident at the intersection of 39 Avenue North and 4th Street when it failed to yield from a stop sign to south bound vehicle.

The driver of the Lincoln, later determined to be Rondereko Watson, fled from the car on foot immediately after the accident along with two male passengers.

Officers responding to the scene of the accident recognized the Lincoln as being related to Rondereko Watson whom they had been looking for in reference to the December 5th attempted armed robbery/shooting of Cortez Foster at 1414 20 Avenue South.

Homicide detectives had established probable cause for Watson's arrest yesterday after interviewing the victim Foster at the hospital and were actively trying to locate him prior to the accident taking place.

Officer established a perimeter around the area of the accident scene and Watson along with his two passengers were eventually located and taken into custody. Watson was actually tracked by a K-9 Unit to the rear of a house located 435 38 Avenue North. He was found lying under a tarp near a dog house when the K-9 alerted on his location and he gave up



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without resistance.

The lone occupant and driver of the south bound vehicle which collided with the Lincoln was transported to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. I do not have his information at this time.

Detectives are currently interviewing Watson and his associates and I will issue an update once I have received additional information.

Information provided by Mike Puetz

Media release of 9:48 a.m., 12/07/11 *****
Update re .Attempt Robbery/Shooting of 12/05/2011

Homicide detectives have advised that the two individuals arrested on 12/05/2011 for fleeing from officers after the attempted robbery/shooting of Cortez Foster at 1414 20 Avenue South, have been eliminated as possible suspects in the case.

The two individuals, Quinton Collier and Arsenio Brinson will not be facing any additional charges beyond those related to the pursuit. Their reason for fleeing from officers appears to be solely related to the firearm and drugs found in their possession at the time they were apprehended.

Efforts to identify the actual suspect are still ongoing and the victim remains hospitalized in serious, but stable condition.

Information provide by Mike Puetz

Media release of 12:05 p.m., 12/05/11 *****
Update re. Detectives Conducting Investigation in to Early Morning Robbery/Shooting

Arrested Suspects;
Quinton G. Collier, B/M, 01/09/83 of 16432 U.S. Highway 19, Clearwater
Arsenio T. Brinson, B/M, 10/2787 of 800 Treasure Court, St. Petersburg

Suspect Vehicle: 1999 Black Nissan Altima 4 door

Detectives have identified Collier and Brinson has the occupants of the vehicle which fled from officers this morning after the attempt robbery/shooting of Cortez Foster.

Shortly after officers arrived on the scene of the shooting at about 4:05 a.m., witnesses provide a description of a dark colored Nissan which the suspects had used to flee from the area.

At about 4:17 a.m. officers spotted a black Nissan Altima getting on the interstate at 28 Street South and attempted to stop it. The vehicle fled from the officers proceeding north bound on I-275 and then exited at 22 Avenue north where it struck a concrete median and became disabled.



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Collier, who was driving the Nissan, attempted to flee on foot, but was quickly apprehended although he did attempt to strike the arresting officer with his fists as he was taken into custody.

Brinson manage to flee from the immediate area, but was track by a K-9 unit to the residence located at 1936 25 Avenue North where he was found hiding behind a 6 foot privacy fence. During the apprehension Brinson was bitten on the lower left leg by the K-9.

A check of the Nissan did reveal a 9mm handgun lying on the driver's floor board of Nissan.

Detectives have completed their interviews with both suspects who have denied involvement in the shooting/robbery of Cortez Foster. Additional investigation will be necessary to establish if Collier and Brinson had any involvement in that incident.

At this time Collier is charged with Fleeing & Eluding, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Resisting an Officer with Violence and Possession of Marijuana.

Brinson is charged with Possession of Marijuana, Resisting Arrest without Violence and an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear on a charge of Obstruction.

The Nissan is registered to a St. Petersburg woman who is not being identified at this time pending further investigation.

Media release of 8:22 a.m., 12/05/11 *** Detectives Conducting Investigation in to Early Morning Robbery/Shooting**

Victim: Cortez Foster, B/M, DOB 08/21/83

Location: 1414 20 Avenue South

Details are preliminary at this point, but at approximately 4:00 a.m. this morning, the victim was sitting in a parked vehicle in front of 1414 20th Avenue South when he was approached by one or possibly two suspects who attempted to rob him at gun point. In the process the victim was shot twice. The victim was transported to Bayfront Medical Center by a relative and is currently listed critical, but stable condition.

Witnesses were able to provide responding officers with a description of the vehicle the suspects were seen fleeing the area in.

A car matching that description, occupied by two individuals, was subsequently spotted by officers not far from the area. They attempted to stop it, but the vehicle fled from them and a pursuit was authorized. The vehicle was pursued until it crashed at 22 Avenue North and I 275. The driver was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit and the passenger was apprehended with the assistance of the K-9 officer a short time later.

Information provide by Mike Puetz