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Suspect Arrested and Charged with 1st Degree Murder in this Morning's Homicide

Arrested Suspect: Dwayne Bailey, B/M, DOB 01/05/1986, address of 444 89 Avenue North, Apt 4, St. Petersburg. Note: Bailey was recently released in February after a five year sentence from the Department of Corrections for Possession of Cocaine and Robbery (Photo attached).

At approximately 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, homicide detectives arrested Bailey at 444 89 Avenue North, Apt 4, in connection with this morning's shooting death of Marquell Burge outside the Ninth Street Pool Hall at 1149 Dr. M.L. King Street South.

Detectives believe that the victim Burge was standing outside of the pool room when Bailey approached from behind. Bailey then shot Burge once in the upper body, searched through his pockets in an apparent robbery attempt and then fled the area.

At the time of the murder, Bailey had his face partially covered with a cloth, but was still subsequently identified by three witnesses.

The investigation also revealed that earlier in the night, Bailey had been released from the Pinellas County Jail where had been incarcerated on a charge Fleeing & Eluding from March 16th. After his release, Bailey went to the home of his cousin at 1252 8th Avenue South.

At about 12:30 a.m., the cousin left, leaving Bailey to oversee the six children who were staying at the house. Bailey also left the house sometime shortly thereafter, leaving the children unsupervised and then later committed the homicide at about 2:00 a.m.

Detectives now believe that at about 3:30 a.m., associates of Marquell Burge, seeking revenge for his murder, proceeded to 1252 8 Avenue South armed with assault weapons.

Possibly believing that Bailey was at that location, at least nine rounds were fired into the house which at the time was only occupied by the six children, ages 15 to 2. None of the children were injured. The identity of those suspects is still unknown.

Detectives are still seeking the public's assistance in both cases. Anyone with information regarding Marquell Burge's murder or the shooting at 1252 8 Avenue South are asked to call the St. Petersburg Police Department at 727-893-7780 or the Tip Line at 727-892-5000 or Text a Tip at 727-420-8911.

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