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Updated Information - Homicide in St. Petersburg Today

On Thursday October 22, 2009 at about 10:45, we received a call of "shots fired" in the area of Silver Lake Park, located in the 1300 block of 11th Avenue South and someone reported seeing a silver-colored SUV leaving the area.

Approximately 10 minutes later, at about 10:55am, a silver-colored SUV drove up and stopped on the front entrance ramp of All Children's Hospital, 801 6th Street South. The victim got out of the SUV, walked into the front entrance of the hospital, collapsed in the main lobby and died.

The victim has been identified as Christopher Lamont Danford, Black/Male, DOB: 1-10-88, 1517 25th Avenue South.

SPPD investigators have notified Danford's mother and father of his death.

Details are still very preliminary, but homicide investigators believe the occupants of the silver-colored SUV and another vehicle, no description at this time, exchanged gunfire while stopped in the 1300 block of 11th Avenue South; directly in front of Silver Lake Park.

During the exchange of gunfire, investigators believe Danford was standing outside of the SUV when he received multiple gunshot wounds to his upper torso and lower extremities.

Danford re-entered the SUV as a passenger and was driven away from the scene of the shooting and then taken to All Children's Hospital.

The motive for the crime is not yet known.

Anyone with information about this crime should call our Communications Center at 727-893-7780.

To remain anonymous, callers can use our Tip Line at 892-5000 or our Text a Tip line at 420-8911.

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