



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## CLEARWATER POLICE INVESTIGATE DOUBLE HOMICIDE

**WHO:** Derrick Kelly Harris (Victim/Deceased)  
DOB: 11-16-87  
Clearwater, Fla.

William John Hamilton (Victim/Deceased)  
DOB: 1-3-81  
Clearwater, Fla.

**WHAT:** Double Homicide

**WHEN:** April 3, 2011  
11:11 p.m.

**WHERE:** LaSalle Street & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.  
Clearwater, Fla.

**SUMMARY:** Clearwater Police are investigating a shooting at the above listed location. Officers patrolling the area heard the sound of gunfire and responded. When they arrived, they found a crowd and located one gunshot victim, Derrick Harris. Harris was transported to Morton Plant Hospital. A second victim, William Hamilton, was dropped off at Morton Plant Hospital by a friend a short time later. Both victims died as a result of their injuries.

Detectives are in the process of identifying and interviewing numerous people at the scene of last night's shooting. The crowd was estimated at about 40 people. It is believed that there was an altercation between two groups of people that escalated into a shooting. Detectives cannot confirm, at this juncture in the investigation, that the two victims, Harris and Hamilton, were the intended targets in the shooting. That is part of the ongoing investigation. There is at least one shooter, who detectives are still working to identify.





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If anyone has information about this case they are asked to call the Clearwater Police Department Homicide Tip Line at 562-4422. People can also remain anonymous by sending information to the Clearwater Police Department by texting CWPD and the tip information to 847411 (tip411). Anonymous web tips can also be submitted right the Police Departments website at [www.clearwaterpolice.org](http://www.clearwaterpolice.org).

