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CLEARWATER POLICE ASK FOR WITNESSES TO COME FORWARD IN HOMICIDE

WHO: Black Male Victim
(Next of kin notification is pending)

Suspect (Unknown)

WHAT: Vehicle Crash/Shooting

WHEN: May 19, 2008
7:45 a.m.

WHERE: Douglas Avenue (west of Overbrook Ave.)
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Police Detectives are investigating a homicide, which occurred on Douglas Ave. around 7:45 a.m. where a vehicle crashed into a tree. The male driver sustained a gunshot wound and was transported to Morton Plant Hospital where he died a short time later. The victim has not been identified pending next of kin notification.

At this point, there are no known suspects. There was a black male seen walking in the area near the time of the crash/shooting. There was also a grey car seen driving in the area. Police set up a perimeter in an attempt to find these possible witnesses. Clearwater Police K-9 Units and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Eagle assisted with the search, but they were unsuccessful in locating anyone. Schools in the area were notified during this search. The search has since been called off.

Clearwater Police are looking for witnesses who may have been in the area at the time. Anyone with information is asked to call the Clearwater Police Department tip line at 562-4422.

