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VICTIM IDENTIFIED IN SHOOTING/CRASH; MURDER SUSPECT AT LARGE

WHO: Arthur Bennett (Victim)
B/M DOB 11-1-45
LKA: 1408 Alpine Rd. #3
Clearwater, Fla.

Suspect (Unknown)

WHAT: Homicide Investigation

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

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

WHY: Clearwater Police Detectives have identified the victim in the homicide on Douglas Ave in Clearwater. Detectives say Arthur Bennett was shot in his vehicle and crashed into a tree on Douglas Ave. around 7:45 a.m. this morning. Bennett was transported to Morton Plant Hospital with life threatening injuries where he died a short time later.

Detectives say this is not a random shooting. They believe Bennett had an altercation with someone, which lead to the shooting. The nature of the argument and motive of the shooting is unclear at this time.

Detectives have not identified a suspect, but are looking for a man seen in the area at the time of the shooting. He may have information about what happened. A composite is attached. If you recognize this person or have information about the shooting, you should call the Clearwater Police Department Tip Line at 562-4422.

Please see release 08-0576 for additional information.

