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CLEARWATER POLICE ARREST MAN FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY FOLLOWING DISPUTE AND SHOOTING

WHO: Randy Lovelace (Shooting Victim)
W/M DOB 10-06-56
2070 62nd Street North #1607
Clearwater, Fla.

John Dean (Shooting Suspect)
B/M DOB 12-31-53
2185 Laurence Drive
Clearwater, Fla.
CHARGE: Aggravated Battery

WHAT: Aggravated Assault/Shooting

WHEN: April 21, 2009
4:12 p.m.

WHERE: The shooting occurred in the 700 block of Edenville Avenue in Clearwater. The victim was located in his vehicle in the 2400 block of Druid Road in Clearwater.

WHY: Clearwater Police arrested a man for aggravated battery following an argument and shooting in the 700 block of Edenville Avenue this afternoon in Clearwater.

At 4:12 p.m., a Clearwater Police Sergeant was driving on Druid Road when he came across a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. The Sergeant got out and approached the vehicle, where he found the shooting victim. He called it in and requested Clearwater Fire & Rescue's assistance. Firefighters responded and treated the victim, who was transported to a local hospital with what firefighters initially believed to be serious injuries. The injuries were later determined to be non-life threatening.

A preliminary investigation reveals that the suspect and victim were involved in an ongoing dispute over a woman. Detectives say today's sequence of events began when the two argued in a parking lot at 2790 Gulf to Bay Boulevard. The suspect got into his vehicle and drove away, and the victim followed. In the 700 block of Edenville Avenue, the victim pulled his vehicle in front of the suspect's vehicle, forcing him to stop. The suspect got out of his vehicle, approached the victim's vehicle and shot him in the arm and leg.

Detectives identified John Dean as a suspect. He was located at his residence in Largo and taken into custody without incident.

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