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CLEARWATER POLICE INVESTIGATING SHOOTING

WHO: Unidentified Suspect- Black Male

Shawane Smith (Victim)
DOB: 10/16/74

WHAT: Shooting Investigation

WHEN: September 11, 2011
9:41 p.m.

WHERE: Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. & Kingsley Street
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: Officers were dispatched to the area of S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and Kingsley St. in reference to a shooting. When Officers arrived in the area, they found a large crowd and people running. Officers could not locate any victims at the scene and later learned a victim had been transported to a local hospital by friends with a gunshot wound to the head. Officers responded and found the victim and were able to obtain only a vague description of the suspect. The victim was struck by a bullet in the head but the wound was superficial. She was treated and released.

Detectives ascertained that a fight had broken out and a male suspect fired several shots; however witness accounts are conflicting as to how the shooting occurred. At this time, the motive of the shooting is unknown. Detectives do not believe the victim was targeted. The investigation continues ….

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