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POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING DEATH OF 18-YEAR-OLD FEMALE

WHO: Meyhante Townsend (Deceased)
DOB: 12-23-92
Clearwater, Fla.

Jovante Darling (Arrested)
DOB: 9-26-92
Largo, Fla.
Charge: Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm

WHAT: Death Investigation/Accidental Shooting

WHEN: January 6, 2011
2:56 a.m.

WHERE: 1391 S. Martin Luther King Street
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: Clearwater Police are investigating the death of an 18-year-old female. The victim and a male were in a bedroom when the shooting occurred. Several other people were present in the house and heard the gun go off.

Detectives have confirmed that the other person in the room with the victim when the shooting occurred is a convicted felon. He was arrested and charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He is not being called a suspect at this time.

According to preliminary information, the shooting appears to be accidental. Forensics processing and testing will be necessary to determine the circumstances of the shooting and who was in possession of the gun when it fired.

