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Updated Media Advisory: Homicide Investigation

Location of Incident: 500 block SW 67th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32607

On Sunday, May 28, 2017 at approximately 7:11 p.m., the Alachua County Sheriff's Office received multiple 911 calls related to a person shot at the 500 block of SW 67th Terrace in the Holly Heights neighborhood.

ACSO Deputies arrived on scene to find an adult male in the parking lot who was not conscious and not breathing. Deputies immediately began to perform CPR on the victim, while awaiting the arrival of Alachua County Fire and Rescue. Rescue workers transported the victim to UF Health Gainesville, where he ultimately succumbed to his injuries. The deceased victim has been identified as 24 year old Derrick Devante Smith of Gainesville, FL.

UPDATE

ACSO Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators worked for several hours to process the crime scene, gather evidence and speak with potential witnesses. Over the last three days, Detectives have worked around the clock, tracking down leads that ultimately led them to develop probable cause for arrest on 17 year old James Scarborough and his brother 18 year old Ty'Lek Scarborough for the murder of Smith.

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During the investigation into this incident, Detectives learned that Ty'Lek and James were part of a physical altercation that took place in the afternoon hours of Sunday, May 28, 2017, with a third party. It was revealed that the victims of the physical altercation, later confronted the suspects at their home, where words were exchanged. The third party subject then left the area and proceeded to the Holly Heights neighborhood. Shortly thereafter, the suspects were seen driving down SW 67th Terrace where they began to open fire in a "drive-by" style shooting. Detectives were informed that the third party person was their intended target, however, the victim Derrick Smith, an innocent bystander, was struck by a bullet during the barrage of gun fire. The suspects then fled the scene in two separate vehicles.

James Scarborough was taken into custody by ACSO Warrants Investigators during the morning hours of Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Buchholz High School. On the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 31, 2017, ACSO Warrants Investigators with the assistance of the United States Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force responded to multiple locations in an attempt to affect the arrest warrant issued on Ty'Lek for 1st Degree Murder and Possession of a Firearm by a Delinquent.

On Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 1:22 a.m., Ty'Lek Scarborough surrendered himself to the Alachua County Department of the Jail, where he was booked into the facility on his 1st Degree Murder Warrant.

ACSO Detectives are still in need of the public's assistance. Detectives are diligently working to find the murder weapon and have extended a Gun Bounty Reward of \$1000.00 to any person who provides information that leads to the recovery of the handgun used in this incident. We urge any member of the community who has information on the whereabouts of the weapon or wishes to provide any further details regarding this crime to contact Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP.

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