



Ft. Pierce Police Department News Release



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Suspects sought in attempted robbery *Restaurant owner survives shooting*

Case #: 2008-4-14091

Incident: Attempted Robbery/Attempted Felony Murder

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Location: 914 Avenue D

Victim/restaurant owner: Somsong Chompoobutr

FORT PIERCE: Detectives continue to search for two suspects involved in the late night shooting of a restaurant owner.

Restaurant owner Somsong Chompoobutr, 62 (7/18/1946), drove himself to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center after he was shot during the encounter with the suspects. He is in stable condition and expected to survive his injuries.

Shortly before 10 p.m. Chompoobutr was confronted by two black males, approximately 17 years old and wearing masks. The suspects, one with a gun, demanded money. Chompoobutr walked to the counter and then turned toward the suspects and was shot.

The suspects were last seen running toward South 9th Street and then turning onto Dundas Court. The restaurant owner closed the business and drove himself to the local hospital.

Anyone with information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the suspects still at large call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-8477 or 911.

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