

Ft. Pierce Police Department

News Release

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Chief of Police



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Police recover car suspected to have been used in Saturday Morning Homicide- Arrest one man for carjacking

Incident: One man arrested in connection with carjacking of vehicle suspected to have been used in later homicide.

Case Number: 2009-4-02883

Time:

Address: Vehicle recovered at 4208 Metzger Road, Fort Pierce Florida

Victim: Chitrekha Ramsaran

DOB: 4/18/1971

Address: 193 SW Pilsner Circle Port St Lucie, FL

Arrested: Schneider Joseph

Address: 1615 30th Avenue Vero Beach, Florida

DOB: 5/2/1989

Narrative

On March 9, 2009 at approximately 1930 hours police recovered the vehicle suspected to have been used in the early Saturday morning murder of Demetrius Wells (5302 Deer Run Drive Fort Pierce Florida). The murder occurred at 1311 North 31st Street in Fort Pierce Florida at approximately 0150 hours.

Prior to the recovery of this vehicle, the Fort Pierce Police Department had been investigating a case where two men were alleged to have robbed a Fort Pierce man and a Port St. Lucie woman of a vehicle matching the description of the car used in the homicide. Investigation and evidence from the car indicates that the stolen vehicle was used in the murder of Demetrius Wells. "While we cannot expound on what evidence we have recovered from the car, there are items in it that we believe will directly connect the vehicle to the murder of Demetrius Wells", according to Lead Detective Aleita Smith. Police also charged Schneider Joseph, 19 of 1615 30th Ave Vero Beach, Florida with Armed Carjacking, Robbery with a firearm and Possession of a weapon by a delinquent. Joseph was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail and is being held without bond. Anyone with information about the murder or carjacking is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-TIPS or Detective Aleita Smith at 772-468-1805 extension 5248. You can remain anonymous and still be eligible for up to \$1,000.00 for information.

Please direct any questions about this arrest to Sergeant McWilliams

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