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Police search for suspects involved in deadly home invasion

One victim killed, another injured

FORT PIERCE – Suspects wanted in a deadly home invasion robbery are still at large.

Police continued searching until the early morning hours for two black males between the ages of 18 and 20 wanted in connection with a home invasion robbery that left one brother dead and another brother recuperating from a beating.

Gary Thibodeau, 55, was shot and later pronounced dead at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute. Thibodeau's brother, Douglas Costa, 54, was pistol whipped. He was treated and released from the hospital.

At 10:36 p.m. Thursday, police responded to the victim's home, 517 Hampton Place, for shooting activity. When officers arrived they found Thibodeau still alive lying on his side. Prior to the shooting Thibodeau, his brother and two other people were sitting in the living room when the two suspects entered the opened front door of the residence, ordered them to the ground and robbed them at gun point. The suspects pulled their shirts up above their noses to cover their faces.

The victim pleaded with the suspects not to take his wallet. The suspects ignored his request and shot Thibodeau instead as they were fleeing the scene.

Both suspects were wearing white shirts and baggy blue jeans. The suspect with the gun was about six-feet tall and his hair styled in dreadlocks. The other suspect was about 5'10" tall. The suspects were last seen running east to 5th Street then south for about a block. Then they got into a small black car.

Anyone with information is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-8477 or Detective Jason Braun at 772-468-1805 extension 5302. You can remain anonymous and still be eligible to receive up to \$1,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrests of the suspects involved in the case.

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