

Ft. Pierce Police Department

News Release

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Chief of Police

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Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Police arrest homicide suspect

Case Number: 2009-4-07659
Time: 10:37 P.M.
Date: Friday, June 26, 2009
Address: 1200 block of Ormond Avenue

Victim: Herby Innocent
DOB: 03/29/1987
Address: Fort Pierce

Arrested Suspect: Jeremiah Minatee
DOB: 9/26/90
Address: Fort Pierce
Charge: 1st degree murder

FORT PIERCE – In the early morning hours of Sunday, police arrested the suspect in connection with the city's fourth homicide.

Jeremiah Minatee, 18, was arrested at his Fort Pierce residence for the shooting death of Herby Innocent. Minatee was taken to the St. Lucie County jail and faces first degree murder.

On June 26, 2009 at approximately 10:35 p.m. hours the Fort Pierce Police Department responded along with St. Lucie County Fire Rescue to 1200 block of Ormond Avenue in reference to a shooting. On arrival officers found Innocent, a 22- year-old male, in the middle of the street unconscious and not breathing. St. Lucie County Fire Rescue pronounced him dead at the scene.

Detectives canvassed the neighborhood and followed up leads to try and find out the identity of the suspect and what led to the shooting of Innocent.

Anyone with information 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.



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