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Homicide Update

Detectives are releasing further details related in the homicide that occurred on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 509 Twin Pines Drive in Auburndale.

On November 9, 2009, an arrest warrant was obtained for a suspect in the shooting death of Elder Bouquet. Reginald Lee Howard B/M DOB 6-17-1986 of 911 Turnstone Lane in Winter Haven turned himself in to authorities on November 10, 2009. Howard has been charged with 2nd Degree Murder. Detectives were able to identify Howard as being involved by the victim's statements prior to his death some twelve hours after being shot.

A seizure warrant was issued for the suspect vehicle, a tan 2004 Lincoln Town car, the vehicle was seized by detectives in early November from Howard's father, Joe Howard Sr. when he drove the vehicle to the police department to talk to detectives. The vehicle was used by the suspects to flee the area after the shooting.

The case is still under investigation. Detectives continue to work on identification of other suspects and a motive for the shooting.

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