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Auburndale Police Department Investigating Robbery and Shooting

At approximately 8:53 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, officers of the Auburndale Police Department responded to a report of a person having been shot. Officers arrived at a convenience store at 1000 Old Lake Alfred Road and found a black male individual in a vehicle with an apparent gunshot injury to the neck area.

During the initial investigation, officers determined the individual was shot in the area of 169 Rebecca Lane in a nearby area of apartments and then driven to the store where help was summoned. The victim, later identified as Furious Shell, 05/28/1992, of Haines City, was treated on-scene by members of the Auburndale Fire Department and Polk County Fire/Rescue, then transported to Lakeland Regional Medical Center where he underwent surgery.

Based on the investigative efforts to this point, it appears that Mr. Shell was shot by one of three individuals during the commission of a robbery. Mr. Shell was the passenger in a Dodge that was driven by another individual, and he was seated in the car, which was stopped in the roadway, when he was shot. The victim was in that location with the intent to meet the individuals who are now responsible for robbing and shooting him.

Detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances of this case and are attempting to locate the individuals responsible for the robbery and shooting of Mr. Shell.

The Police Department is seeking assistance from members of the community in its efforts to identify and locate the suspects. Please contact Detective Cody Beck at 965-5555, or call Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward for information leading to the identification of the suspects. The phone number for Heartland Crime Stoppers is 1-800-226-TIPS (8477).

Next of kin has been notified of the victim's injury. It is early in the investigation and efforts to solve this crime are continuing. Look for updates.

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