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Shooting Incident

COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS – On October 28, 2015 at approximately 3:30 AM, Copperas Cove Police were dispatched to 2720 E Business Hwy 190 (Wal-Mart) in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival officers found a white male in the parking lot with gunshot wounds lying on the ground. The victim, 24 year old Killeen resident, Thomas Gene Smethers was transported to Metroplex Hospital in critical condition where he later succumbed to his injuries. The victim's body was transported to the Southwest Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas for an autopsy.

Copperas Cove Police are continuing to investigate the incident and further information will be released later this morning.

Update

As a result of the investigation, a second suspect has been identified as, 21 year old Killeen resident, Terrence Len Daniel Junior. An arrest warrant for the charge of murder has been issued for Terrence Len Daniel Junior who is still at large and is considered to be armed and dangerous. If you know the whereabouts of Terrence Len Daniel Jr. contact your local law enforcement agency or you can contact the Copperas Cove Crime Stoppers tip number (254)547-1111 or submit a tip on-line at www.tipsubmit.com. Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for clues if your information leads to an arrest and prosecution. No one will ever ask your name. Any information you may have on this case or about the offender(s) is very important.

Sgt. Ruiz will be available for interviews at the Copperas Cove Police Department from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM today 10-30-2015 regarding this incident. The case is ongoing but he will provide information that is available for release. Thank you for your patience, this case has many moving parts and involved more than one jurisdiction. The Killeen Police Department and Texas Rangers have played an instrumental part in helping us overcome jurisdictional boundaries.



Terence Len Daniel Jr.
21 year old Black Male, 6'4", 180 lbs.