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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, one of the suspects has been identified in this incident, 20 year old Killeen resident, Tadarius Lavonte Davis. Davis was being held at the Killeen Police Department Jail and was charged with murder at approximately 3:45 PM on October 29, 2015. The case is still under investigation and additional information will be released as it becomes available. Photos of Davis will be released with additional updates on 10-30-2015 following his arraignment.