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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (August 13, 2010) A second subject was arrested today and charged in the homicide of Tyquan Lewis. Randy Sherrod Copeland Jr., age 19, of the 100 blk. of Niblick Cir. has been charged with Murder and Use of a Firearm in the commission of a felony.

Investigation suggests that Copeland was present at the time of the shooting and provided Dontaz Wilkerson with the firearm used.

Copeland is being held in Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (August 1, 2010) Dontaz Wilkerson, age 19, of the Blackwater Rd. in Windsor has been charged in this morning's shooting that resulted in the death of 18 year old Tyquan Lewis. Both the victim and the suspect were attending a party in the 100 blk. of Manning Rd. A large fight broke out. Lewis and Wilkerson are believed to have been involved in the fight.

Both subjects left the party and met up at a secondary location. They ultimately traveled to Walnut St. where Lewis was shot. Wilkerson fled the scene and was apprehended later in the afternoon.

Wilkerson has been charged with 1 ct. first degree murder, 1 ct. use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, 1 ct. possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 1 ct. shoot, cut, 3 cts. attempted malicious wounding and 1 ct. discharging a firearm within 1000' of a school. Wilkerson is being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail with no bond.

Two additional subjects report being injured during the fight(s), one was stabbed and a second sustained a laceration when running from the location. Neither of those victim's injuries are considered life threatening. Those cases remain under investigation.

Detective N. Boone is the lead investigator.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (August 1, 2010) Suffolk Police have released the name of the victim in the early morning homicide. He is Tyquan Lewis, age 18, of the 400 blk. of Pleasant St. A correction to the earlier release- Lewis was transported by rescue units from the scene and was pronounced dead at Sentara Obici Hospital.

Detectives are continuing to investigate both incidents. An update is expected later today.

SUFFOLK, VA (August 1, 2010) Suffolk Police are currently investigating two incidents that occurred around 2 a.m. At approx. 1:40 a.m., police were responding to a disturbance call in the 200 blk. of Walnut St. When they arrived on scene, an 18 year old male had been shot in the neck. The subject died at the scene. No suspect information is available at this time.

Approximately 15 minutes later police were informed of a 16 year old male stabbing victim that had walked into the Emergency Room of Sentara Obici Hospital. Preliminary information is that subject was stabbed in the back during a fight at a wedding reception on Manning Rd. The victim's status is unknown at this time.

Anyone with information on either of these incidents is asked to call Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up.