



St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

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HICKORY FORREST ROAD SHOOTING LEAVES ONE DEAD

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Investigators with The St. John's County Sheriff's Office are investigating an apparent shooting, involving a death, which occurred late Saturday afternoon.

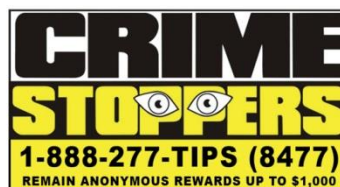
Deputies responded to an undeveloped area connected to Hickory Forrest Road, near Stratton Blvd (off State Road 16) where a shooting event occurred sometime after 4:00 p.m.. The shooting victim was subsequently self-transported by acquaintances to Baptist South Hospital in a private vehicle, where he was later pronounced deceased. The victim has been identified as Kahlil R. Cooke, B/M, 07-22-1997, of Jacksonville.

Investigators have identified several individuals who were either present at the time or may have knowledge of the events and have learned the incident appears to be isolated between individuals who were meeting in the area.

Crime Scene Technicians are currently processing two scenes, the area of Hickory Forrest Road and the vehicle which was secured at Baptist South Hospital. At this hour, detectives are continuing to identify and interview persons who may have knowledge of the incident to garner specific details into the events leading up to the shooting.

Anyone who may have any information on the incident is asked to contact detectives with The Major Crimes Unit at 824-8304 or to be eligible for a reward call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-8477 (TIPS). Further will be released as it becomes available.

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