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WINTER HAVEN – Winter Haven Police have made an arrest in the shooting and ultimate death of

21 year-old Maurice Knight at the RaceTrac gas station in the early morning hours of Saturday, 2-21-15.

Working in conjunction with the Lakeland Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office, 24 year-old Wesley K. Booker was taken into custody at 1050 Pirates Way In Lakeland this evening.

Booker is facing charges of Second Degree Murder (F1), Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (F2) and Discharging a Firearm From Vehicle (F2).

Booker will be transported and booked into the Polk County Jail on the above charges.

*** ORIGINAL RELEASE **

Winter Haven Police are currently investigating the shooting death of a Lakeland man.

Twenty-one year-old Maurice Knight of 1031 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, FL was shot following an altercation that started at Pierre's Hot Spot and continued at the RaceTrac gas station a the corner of Hwy. 17 and Havendale Blvd.

On 2-21-15 at approximately 1:05 a.m., a fight broke out in the parking lot of Pierre's Hot Spot (1300 Third St., SW, Winter Haven). An unidentified black male pulled a gun and fired several shots striking a vehicle numerous times. The crowd quickly left the area traveling to the RaceTrac gas station at Hwy. 17 and Havendale Blvd.

At 1:13 a.m., a group of those who were previously at Pierre's Hot Spot were at the gas pumps at RaceTrac standing outside of their vehicles when a silver car sped by and a shot was heard. Knight, who was standing outside of his vehicle was struck in the chest and died at the scene.

Witnesses described the suspect vehicle as a newer model silver Chevrolet Impala or similar style vehicle. The vehicle was last seen speeding westbound on Havendale Blvd. It is believed the occupants of the vehicle are from Lakeland.

Anyone who has any information on this case or possibly saw the vehicle is asked to call Heartlnd Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477). Callers can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a CASH reward.



Wesley K. Booker