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\*\*\*Update on Tarpon Springs Police Department Homicide investigation\*\*\*

Tarpon Springs Detectives continued their investigation into the Homicide, that occurred at 57 West Tarpon Avenue in Tarpon Springs, throughout the day on 08/27/16. A search warrant for the motel room was obtained and served, resulting in the location of a firearm, which was seized as evidence. Additionally, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Fredrick Bentley, and the investigation led authorities to the City of Clearwater in an attempt to locate Bentley.

The Tarpon Springs Police Department contacted the Clearwater Police Department to assist in the location and apprehension of Bentley. In addition, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) also volunteered their services to assist. Working in conjunction with the Tarpon investigators, members of the CPD patrol division, Intelligence unit, undercover detectives and members of the Clearwater SWAT team were able to locate and arrest Fredrick Bentley in the 1000 blk of Magnolia Dr. in Clearwater. Bentley was observed walking in the roadway and was taken into custody without incident.

He is currently awaiting transport to the Pinellas County Jail

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