



# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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The Tarpon Springs Police Department is currently investigating a road rage incident that culminated in a shooting at the intersection of E. Klosterman Rd. and S. Disston Avenue. The incident occurred on 08/24/2019 at approximately 10:30pm and reportedly involved 15-20 motorcyclist and a black 2011 Mercedes Benz S-class sedan (driver who reported incident and a passenger which was his 9 year old son). Prior to the shooting, the motorcycles and Mercedes Benz were traveling southbound on US Highway 19 N. from the area of Beckett Way. The shooting resulted in a 17 year old motorcyclist sustaining a gunshot wound to his right bicep. The injured motorcyclist transported himself to the Medical Center of Trinity following the shooting and received treatment for his gunshot wound. The motorcyclist was discharged from the hospital on the morning of 08/25/2019.

The incident was immediatly reported via 911 to the Tarpon Springs Police Department by the driver of the Mercedes Benz sedan who indicated he had discharged his firearm at a motorcyclist in self-defense, after they repeatedly struck his vehicle, damaging same then impeded his ability to leave the area.

All motorcyclist had left the area prior to police arrival. The shooting is being actively investigated by the Tarpon Springs Police Department and no arrest have been made at this point.

Anyone who witnessed the group of motorcyclist traveling southbound on US Highway 19 N. or has information related to the shooting is asked to contact Detective Lemmon with the Tarpon Springs Police Department at 727-938-2849 ext. 1636.

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