



TOWN OF SPRING LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

Type of Incident: Attempted 1ST Degree Murder and AWDWIKISI

Date of Incident: May 03, 2018

Location of Incident: 300 Block of Ruth Street Spring Lake, NC 28390

Suspect (s): Terence Isacc Blackwell and Ashanti Bellamy McNeill
809 McNeil Street Spring Lake, NC 28390

On Thursday, May 03, 2018 at approximately 6:15pm, Spring Lake officers responded to the 300 Block of Ruth Street in regards to an individual being shot. Upon officers arriving on scene they located the victim at the Spring Lake Rec Center located on Ruth Street. EMS arrived on the scene and transported the victim to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center (CFVMC) for medical treatment. The victim has been identified as **Julian Saron McCormick** of Ray Road in Spring Lake. McCormick sustained a gunshot wound to the arm and at this time is expected to have non-life threatening injuries.

The shooting occurred at the outdoor basketball courts on Ruth St. across from the Recreation Center. Police located several witnesses to the shooting and identified those involved. Further investigation by Detectives revealed that **Ashanti Bellamy-McNeill, B/F, DOB 02/02/1999** acted as an accessory after the shooting by driving the offender away from the scene of the crime. Ashanti Bellamy-McNeill was arrested shortly after the shooting. Detectives have identified **Terence Isacc Blackwell, DOB 05/04/1994** as the individual who shot the victim. Based on witness accounts and evidence at the scene, Detectives believe that the shooting was a result of a heated confrontation that escalated during a game of basketball at the outdoor basketball courts.

McNeill was arrested and charged with *Accessory After the Fact to Attempted First Degree Murder*. She was processed and booked into the Cumberland County jail under a \$10,000 secure bond. **Blackwell has not yet been located. Blackwell is currently wanted for Attempted Murder and Assault With a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury. He is considered armed and dangerous.** Spring Lake Police are asking anyone with information regarding the shooting to please contact Spring Lake Detectives at (910) 436-0350 or Crimestoppers at (910) 483-TIPS (8477).

Released by: Chief Troy A. McDuffie

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