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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUSPECT ARRESTED FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE WITH POLICE

WHO: Wilson Geathers, Jr. (Arrested)

DOB: 5-4-61

608 Spruce Street

Clearwater, Fla.

CHARGE: 2nd Degree Attempted Murder on Law Enforcement Officer

Felon in Possession of a Firearm

Possession of Cocaine

Warrant (Child Support)

WHAT: Suspect shoots at police; Police return fire

WHEN: October 31, 2009

9:43 p.m.

WHERE: 608 Eldridge Street

Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: At 9:43 p.m., Clearwater Police received a call of shots fired on Eldridge Street near the Pinellas Trail. Police responded to canvass the area for the shooter. An officer located a subject on the trail, matching the description of the shooter and attempted to make contact.

As the officer approached, he saw the subject was armed. The suspect fled and the officer followed. During the foot pursuit, the suspect turned and pointed a gun at the officer. The officer fired and several shots were exchanged between the officer and the suspect. Neither the officer nor the suspect was injured. Additional officers converged on the area and took the suspect into custody in the 700 block of Maple Street at 9:54 p.m.





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Detectives learned the suspect was firing his gun into the air near 608 Eldridge Street following a verbal dispute with his girlfriend who lives at that address.

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