



## TEMPLE TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MOTORIST SHOT BY MOTORCYCLIST EARLY MONDAY**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (1/11/16)** – Police are searching for a motorcyclist who shot a motorist on E. Fowler Avenue in Temple Terrace early Monday morning.

The driver of the vehicle, described as a Hispanic male in his mid-30s, was taken to Tampa General Hospital, where he is in critical condition, according to the Temple Terrace Police Department. The victim's name is not being released at this time, but police said he is from California. It is not known why he was in the area.

About 1:15 a.m. Monday, police received a call that shots had been fired at a white Chrysler 200 traveling westbound on E. Fowler Avenue in the vicinity of N. Riverhills Drive. When police arrived, they discovered the car had crashed on the north side of Fowler Avenue. The driver was coherent and advised he had been shot by a man on a motorcycle.

Upon further investigation, police learned the motorcyclist had followed the motorist for several miles before the shooting incident occurred. The motive for the shooting is unknown, and an investigation is continuing.

After the shooting, the motorcyclist fled east on Fowler Ave., then south on I-75. The motorcyclist is described as a white male, in his 40s or 50s, with a long beard and gray hair. His face was covered, and he was not wearing a helmet. He was driving a street-racer type of motorcycle, but no further description was available.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Temple Terrace Police Department at (813) 989-7110.