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Shooting investigation ends with Attempted Murder charges for Smyrna man

SPD investigators wrapped up an exhaustive investigation this morning with the arrest of a Smyrna man for 2 counts of attempted murder. On 7/1/16 at approx. 10:20 AM SPD officers responded to the area of Providence Dr. for a report of a shooting that had just occurred. Investigators located several 9mm shell casings at this location. Two adult victims were located a short distance away in a vehicle. It was revealed that these victims had their vehicle blocked in on Providence Dr. by the suspect later identified as Steffen Forrest 28, of Mt. Friendship Rd. in Smyrna. While the victims were attempting to flee, Mr. Forrest fired several rounds at them and their vehicle, striking the vehicle multiple times. These victims were uninjured by the gun fire. Investigation determined that Mr. Forrest was known to one of the victims and had engaged in a fight with the victim approximately an hour before the shooting as well as a fight earlier in the week. Once Mr. Forrest was identified as the shooter, Officers established surveillance on locations he was known to frequent. Early this morning, SPD officers took Mr. Forrest into custody without incident in the area of Locust St. He was brought to SPD where he was formally charged with 2 counts of Attempted Murder 1st degree, 2 counts of Reckless Endangering 1st degree, Conspiracy 1st degree, Possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, Possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, and criminal mischief over \$1000.00. Mr. Forrest was arraigned via video court in JP #7 where he was committed to the James T Vaughn Correctional center in lieu of \$285,000 cash only bond. The investigation into this incident remains ongoing and no further details are being released at this time.