

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Update: Shooting of 14yoa Appears Accidental

On Friday, July 17, 2009, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies were called to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in reference to a 14yoa male juvenile who reported that at approximately 10:50PM he was walking in the area of Silver Saddle Drive, when he heard a loud noise and felt pain in his back. A family member took the subject to the emergency room where it was determined he had been shot in the back. The teen was treated for a non-life threatening gunshot wound and released. The 14yoa stated he did not have any suspect information and only provided Detectives with vague information.

An investigation into this incident has revealed that the 14yoa was shot by a 16yoa friend as they attempted to load a .32 caliber handgun. Detectives have discovered that the 16yoa who shot the 14yoa, found the gun while at a family members house in Quincy. The family member of the 16yoa is reportedly in jail and the 16yoa took the handgun while visiting the residence. On the night of this incident the subjects were attempting to load the handgun as they were walking on Silver Saddle Dive. As the 16yoa attempted to load the gun, it discharged with a bullet striking the 14yoa in the back. An investigation into the circumstances as to how the subjects came into possession of the handgun is being conducted.

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