



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Athens Man in Critical Condition from Gun Shot Wound

Officers with the Athens- Clarke County Police Department were dispatched to North Grove Apts. (198 Old Hull Road) at around 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December, 21st in reference to two black males running through the complex, one chasing the other with a gun. Shots fired were reported. The victim, identified as Clinton Patterson was found suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital and is listed in critical but stable condition. The suspect is described as a dark- skinned male in his mid-20's approximately 5'8" tall wearing a black hoodie..

Early stages of the investigation indicate the victim was confronted as he entered an apartment building. The victim attempted to flee the confrontation and was subsequently shot. Detectives are interviewing witnesses and checking video surveillance within the apartment complex. A motive for the shooting has not been established. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective P. Johnson at 706-613-3888 ext. 522 or Sgt. D. Norris ext. 556. Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1000.00 for information leading to an arrest. Anonymous calls can be made to 706-705-4775.

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