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TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
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Sheriff’s Detectives Investigating Shooting In Western Travis County

On May 11, 2009, at 5:55pm, Deputies were called to the 6700 Block of Oasis Bluff Drive in reference to a shooting. The victim reported that he had been shot by a person passing him as they both traveled North on Oasis Bluff Drive in their vehicles.

Units with the Austin/Travis County EMS, Lake Travis Fire and Rescue and the Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene. The victim was transported to University Medical Center at Brackenridge where he is listed in critical condition. His name is being withheld until notification of next of kin can be made.

Due to the witnesses who came forward, Detectives were able to identify a possible suspect who lives in the area. They made contact with him at his home and took him into custody. He is identified as;

Robert T. Bence Jr., Date of Birth 3-20-1959.

He remains in the Travis County Jail awaiting charges. Because of the ongoing investigation the booking photo of Mr. Bence will not be available at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Greg Lawson at 512-854-3426 or CrimeStoppers at 472-TIPS (8477).

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