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Good evening leaders and Activists,
I am writing to petition your support as elected officials to get Shot Spotters for our community. I just learned of a event involving gun violence in the Port St Lucie community.

When I spoke before you and suggested getting shot spotters to combat this spree of gun violence, I also stated that it would occur in other communities as well. I remember Chief Hobley Burney stating that the community are the shot spotters. Well I disagree with her statement. Reason 1. It is the job of the police officer when responding to an incident involving gun fire to get out of the car and search the area for bullet fragments. The fragments or shell casings can have tests ran for matching fingerprints that can possibly identify a suspect. Again, it starts with the officer and not the community. Reason 2. There's no relationship with the community and law enforcement. A relationship with Pinkey Hendley, Betty Bradwell, Annette Brown, does not constitute a relationship between law enforcement and the community. If a survey was conducted in the northwest section, you will have different opinion than Hendley, Bradwell, and Brown. Neither of the 3 is active in the community, nor live in the crime infested areas. 4. The chief of police is not the Mayor of Fort Pierce. The Chief should not be the determining factor of whether tax dollars are spent on shot spotters to reduce gun violence. It is up to the tax payers with the vote of approval of the Commission.

The mayor spoke of the cost of shot spotters, but she need to understand that the there's no price when it comes to the safety and lives of the citizens of Fort Pierce. What's the purpose of CRA funds? That's tax payers money that's set aside to improve low income community. With that being said, why not use CRA funds. The police department received funds from Allegany (\$ 500,000.00) That money can be used to purchase shot spotters just like it was used to purchase surveillance cameras.

There are grants that can be applied for and used to purchase shot spotters. Reach out to cities that are currently using them such as Fort Myers, Pahokee, and Miami. These cities uses shot spotters and have excellent results.

Will the county entertain purchasing shot spotters? Maybe the Chief of Police can meet with Sheriff Mascara regarding this matter. What started in our city has quickly moved to Port St Lucie. I believe if everyone come to the table on this matter, we can achieve positive resolution.

Respectfully,

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