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**For Immediate Release:**

**Today's Date:** November 6, 2007  
**Prepared By:** Sergeant Keith Faulk  
**Release #:** 2007-112  
**Case #:** 07-13791  
**Incident Date:** November 6, 2007  
**Incident Time:** 1:05 A.M.  
**Incident Location:** 22616 N. SR 235, Brooker, FL

**Shooting:**

Deputies responded to the Lacrosse Fire Department after receiving a call that a man had been shot. Upon arrival, deputies discovered B/M Ernest Ross, 04/30/72, of 1307 NW 223 Lane, Brooker, FL, being treated by a Lacrosse firefighter for two gunshot wounds to the upper torso. Ross was transported to a local hospital in critical condition.

Three witnesses told deputies that while at a residence north of Lacrosse, Ross and another man became involved in a verbal argument. Witnesses say that the suspect retrieved a handgun from his vehicle and shot at Ross several times, apparently hitting him twice. The suspect then fled from the scene. The three witnesses drove Ross to the fire department for help.

No one else was injured in the incident. Detectives are withholding the name of the witnesses and suspect pending their investigation.

Detectives are asking anyone with information about this crime to call the Sheriff's Office at (352) 955-1818. Callers can also remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest by calling Crime Stoppers at 372-STOP (7867).