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Homicide-Royal Park

On August 26, 2019, at approximately 6:18 pm Deputies responded to 9569 CR 235 (Royal Park), regarding a shooting near the basketball court.

Upon arrival, Deputies discovered 16-year-old victim, Chris'sean Williams, had been shot while at the park. Chris'sean was transported to Ocala Regional Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

According to witnesses on scene, Chris'sean was approached from behind by, Bacarri Justice Austell (b/m 3/11/97). Austell brandished a handgun and fired several rounds at Chris'sean, who was trying to run from the scene while being pursued by Austell. Witnesses on scene advised Austell fled the park. Deputies converged on the area where they were able to make contact with Austell. Austell was transported to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office for an interview. During the interview, Austell made statements which tied him to the homicide. Austell was charged with 1st Degree Homicide and transported to the Sumter County Detention Center with no bond.

Detectives are still conducting interviews of potential witnesses and investigating a motive for the shooting.

If you have any information that would assist in this Homicide investigation, please contact Detective J. Knight at, 352-569-1644, or call Crimeline at 1-800-423-8477.

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