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Double Shooting of Asplundh Tree Crew in Florida

Willow Grove, PA—Two Asplundh Tree Expert Co. employees were shot, one fatally, yesterday afternoon while working in a suburban West Palm Beach, FL neighborhood. As one employee lies in critical condition at St. Mary’s Medical Center, police are searching for two suspects in the crime. Detectives from Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office released sketches of the two unidentified men today.

Foreperson Fritznel Vertus, 39, was pronounced dead at the scene and Journeyman Trimmer Mario Castellon, 51, was critically wounded. Both are residents of Lake Worth, FL.

“Our company and its employees are in shock over this tragic act of violence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Vertus and Castellon families,” said company president Scott Asplundh.

“We are fully cooperating with the police in the investigation.”

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. is a family-owned and managed vegetation management company headquartered just outside of Philadelphia in Willow Grove, PA. It provides services to utilities and municipalities throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

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