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Press Release

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On June 8, 2009 just before 6pm, Deputies from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Freeport Police and Freeport Rescue responded to a residence on Elmwood Road in Pownal for a 19 year old male who had been shot.

Tristam (correct spelling) W. Coffin, 19 years old (DOB: 01/12/1990) of 820 Stevens Avenue in Portland was taken to Maine Medical Center for a non-life threatening bullet wound fired from a 9mm handgun. Coffin was hit in the hand/arm area and did undergo surgery.

Coffin, who owned the firearm, was shot by a juvenile male known to him. The 17 year old was handling the firearm in an unsafe manner when Coffin was shot.

At this point in the investigation, all indications are the shooting was accidental. Once completed, the case will be reviewed by the Cumberland County DA's Office to see if charges are warranted.

Any questions can be referred to Captain Don Goulet at 774.1444 ext. 2110.

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Captain Goulet