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Kearney Police Department Investigating Gun Shots Fired-UPDATE

On Sunday, May 14, 2023 at approximately 2:30 a.m. Kearney Police Department Officers received a report of gun shots fired in the 1000 block of W 23rd Street. When officers arrived, an adult male subject was contacted near W 23rd and 7th Ave suffering from an apparent laceration/stab wound to the leg. Officers administered first aid at the scene and called for a rescue squad. The victim was transported by EMS to CHI Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department with a serious but non-life-threatening laceration.

Officers located evidence of multiple gun shots in the area with several residential structures being struck by gun fire. Kearney Police Investigators and Crime Lab Specialists were called to the scene to process and collect evidence. At this time there are no reports or evidence of anyone being struck by gun fire.

On Sunday, May 14th at approximately 9:50pm officers responded to a report of multiple gun shots in the 700 block of West 25th street. No damage or injuries were reported in that incident.

On Wednesday, May 17th at approximately 3:50am an officer heard gunshots in the area of 611 West 25th Street and located multiple bullet holes in that residence. The residence was occupied at the time but no injuries were reported.

Following extensive and still on-going investigations, with assistance from Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and Buffalo County Attorney's Office, several suspects have been identified related to these shootings. A 17-year-old male from Kearney was arrested on an arrest warrant for Aiding and Abetting a Felony (Discharging a Firearm Near a Building). A second 17-year-old male from Kearney was arrested for 3rd Degree Assault. A 26-year-old male from Kearney was arrested for 3rd Degree Assault.

This investigation is still ongoing and multiple warrants and arrests are anticipated. Updates will be provided as additional factual information is developed.

"Members of KPD have worked countless hours on this investigation with the safety of our community a top priority. I appreciate the assistance from our allied law enforcement partners. In an effort to ensure no additional retaliatory actions are taken by those involved we have deployed additional officers and resources thanks to the support from our partner agencies with South Central Law Enforcement Services (S.C.A.L.E.S). I also want to thank members of the community and witnesses who have provided tips and information leading to arrests and

pending arrests. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact KPD. Once again, violent crime is unsettling and will not be accepted in our community. I am confident we will locate and arrest everyone involved in this senseless criminal activity. I'm thankful no one has been injured or killed by this reckless, irresponsible behavior". – Chief Bryan D. Waugh

There are multiple witnesses with knowledge of this incident. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Kearney Police Department (308) 237-2104, Buffalo County Crimestoppers (308) 237-3424, or through the See It Say It Send It App. This is an ongoing investigation; additional details will be released as available. Investigators are aware of information circulating via social media, accurate information about this case will come from the Kearney Police Department.

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