PRESS RELEASE

On September 6, 2015, the DeKalb Police Department and the Northern Illinois University Police Department responded to 901 Regent Drive in reference to a fight call. As officers were responding to the scene, the police department received calls of shots being fired at that same location.

Upon the officers’ arrival at 901 Regent Drive, it was learned that two males had been shot. Both males were transported to Kishwaukee Community Hospital by the DeKalb Fire Department. Neither victim sustained life threatening injuries.

The DeKalb Police Department’s investigation has shown that an apartment at 901 Regent Drive had a party. At the party, a fight broke out. As people were exiting the apartment, a male pulled out a gun and began shooting.

The DeKalb Police Department executed a search warrant at 901 Regent Drive and processed the surrounding area. The Dekalb Police Department recovered shell casings and other items of evidentiary value.

The suspect in this investigation is not in custody. The suspect is a male, black, 18-25 years of age, wearing a white T-Shirt and jeans with dreadlock hair.

The investigation into this shooting continues. Contact the DeKalb Police Department, Crime Stoppers or I Watch if you have information in regards to this shooting.

UPDATE:

DeKalb Police Investigators have been investigating this incident since September 6, 2015. The investigators have conducted interviews, reviewed video surveillance, executed numerous search warrants and used other investigative tools/techniques during this investigation. The suspect shooter was identified.

The investigation was reviewed by the DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s office and charges were approved. On October 22, 2015, arrest warrants were issued for Tristen Dortch, Maurice Garner and Pervis Bonds.

DeKalb Police Detectives, DeKalb’s Targeted Response Unit and members from the Elgin Police Department arrested Tristen Dortch and Maurice Garner in Elgin, Illinois last night without incident. Dortch and Garner were transported to the DeKalb County Jail.
Tristen Dortch, 24 years of age, Elgin, Illinois was charged with Attempt First Degree Murder and Aggravated Battery. Dortch’s bond was set at $1,000,000, 10% to apply.

Maurice Garner, 18 years of age, Elgin, Illinois was charged with Obstructing Justice. Garner’s Bond was set at $100,000, 10% to apply.

Pervis Bonds, 23 years of age, from Elgin, Illinois was not located and still currently wanted for Obstructing Justice.

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The contents of this press release are based upon the best information available to the DeKalb Police Department. The statements regarding the conduct of any person identified above are allegations until affirmatively proven in Court. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.