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DeKalb Police Press Release

On Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at 10:29 pm, the DeKalb Police Department responded to a multi-unit apartment complex at 810 Kimberly Drive regarding a person being shot. Several 911 calls were received reporting a shooting in the parking lot of the apartment complex. DeKalb and Northern Illinois University Police responded to the scene within seconds and located a male victim in the parking lot, on the ground adjacent to a vehicle who had suffered what appeared to be one or more gunshot wounds. Police immediately began emergency first aid in an effort to save the victim's life, DeKalb Fire/EMS responded to the scene and transported the victim to Kishwaukee Health Systems Hospital where a short time later he would succumb to his injuries. The victim has been identified as Debrece G. Shields, a 25 year old African-American male, who was associated with addresses in DeKalb and Chicago.

During the on scene investigation, witnesses provided information that described a light colored SUV that had fled the scene. Within minutes of the shooting being reported to police, a DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy came upon a parked vehicle with four subjects near Peace and Freed Roads in Sycamore that matched the description. As the Deputy was investigating, two of the subjects fled on foot, two were detained by police, and two handguns were recovered. DeKalb County Sheriff's Police, Sycamore Police, Genoa Police and several other police agencies established a perimeter around the area and initiated a search for the two subjects that had fled. At present the subjects that fled on foot remain at large, these subjects are believed to be witnesses, and are persons of interest.

The DeKalb County Major Case Squad was activated to conduct the investigation. A series of investigative initiatives led to the arrest of David T. Walls, an 18 year old male, and Nico L. Griggs, a 27 year old male. This crime does not appear to be a random act and remains under investigation.

The DeKalb Police Department was assisted in this investigation by officers from the Northern Illinois University Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Sycamore Police Department, Genoa Police Department, Cortland Police Department, Illinois State Police, Illinois Conservation Police, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Both suspects have been charged with First Degree Murder, and Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Firearm.

They will be present in the DeKalb County Courthouse for a bond hearing on Sunday 10/9/16.

Charged:

David T. Walls - 18 years of age - 12227 Normal Ave, Chicago IL

Niko L. Griggs - 27 years of age - 99 Fir St, Park Forest IL

Please contact Commander Craig Woodruff with any questions.

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