



JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Media Release

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To: All Media Outlets
Contact Person: Lt. D Williams
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As previously reported the Jefferson City Police Officers responded to a large disturbance at the Capital Mall on the evening of June 26th, 2020.

Through the subsequent investigation, it appears that several juveniles were specifically looking for a juvenile male to fight. However, the juvenile's sister would not allow them to fight. To facilitate the fight between males, a group of females (adults and juveniles) began assaulting the sister. One of the bystanders was videotaping the event and broadcasting on social media.

Since Friday, 2 sixteen year old juveniles have been taken into custody for their involvement; 2 adults, 17 year old Christianna Knight of Jefferson City and 18 year old Ashuntiera' Brown also of Jefferson City have been identified and cited. The shooter(s) has not been identified at this time; it is believed that the shots were fired in the air to break up the fight between the female combatants.

We ask that anyone with information contact the department at (573)634-6400. The only description of the shooter at this time is a skinny dark complexion male. Jefferson City School resource officers were able to identify several juveniles from the video. However, it is believe that other suspects yet to be identified are from other jurisdictions including Columbia and St. Louis. Witnesses on scene were only able to provide the name" Big Lexi" as one of the main suspects in the fight. We are working to identify her as quickly as possible.

As a result this fight can be directly tied to the weapons offense at the mall and multiple Arson investigations afterwards. The arsons occurred after the female victim of the assault arrived home and her mother decided to take matters into her own hands. The arson suspect, 45 year old Iasha Cannady has been charged with 3 counts of Arson and is being held without a bond. Cannady retaliated by driving to 2 separate residences and tossing "Molotov cocktail" fire starters at the homes of whom she believed to be responsible.

We have increased staffing for the 4th of July events in hopes to deter any further planned retaliation.

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