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## **ARRESTS - SHOOTING NEAR BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

### **##### UPDATE #####**

Within a day after the shooting near Booker T. Washington School, Urbana and Champaign Police detectives were able to identify multiple subjects related to the incident. Based on the investigation it was determined that a group of four subjects and a group of two subjects were shooting at one another near Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Champaign near dismissal time. The shooting took place near the intersection of Wright St. and Grove St./Eads St. More than 10 rounds were fired by at least four shooters.

On Friday, September 15, 2023, Champaign and Urbana detectives went to an apartment in the 1300 block of N. Third St. to locate a suspect in the shooting. While attempting to locate that suspect an 11-year-old male from Champaign ran out of the back door carrying a book bag. He was stopped by police.

The bookbag was found to contain the following:



- Two stolen Glock handguns – Both were fully loaded with one bullet in the chamber
- Pro Mag Drum Pistol Magazine – Capable of holding 50 bullets
- An additional handgun magazine
- 390 rounds of ammunition

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Police detained the 11-year-old for possessing the weapons and ammunition. He was not suspected of being involved in the shooting. A subsequent interview showed that he was told to take the book bag and run when the police arrived. He was ultimately released to a guardian. The Champaign County State's Attorney's Office will review his involvement and decide if he will be charged.

During the same contact, detectives arrested a 15-year-old male from Champaign for possessing a handgun during the incident outside of Booker T. Washington School. He was transported to the Champaign County Youth Detention Center and charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon. The joint investigation between Urbana and Champaign detectives developed further leads on suspects.

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Champaign police officers located two additional suspects in Champaign. They were identified as 18-year-old, Tyzerion Wesley, from Champaign and a 16-year-old male from Champaign. The 16-year-old male also had an outstanding arrest warrant for gun charges in a separate Champaign case. Both of those males were arrested for Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm in relation to the shooting from this case. Wesley was transported to the Champaign County Satellite Jail and the 16-year-old was transported to the Champaign County Youth Detention Center.

On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, Urbana detectives executed a search warrant at a residence in the 1100 block of N. Third St. in Champaign for a suspected third shooter, a 15-year-old male. He was located and arrested in Champaign by Urbana detectives and later transported to the Champaign County Youth Detention Center. He also had an outstanding arrest warrant related to a Trespass to a Vehicle case from Champaign. During the court-authorized search of his residence, a 40-year-old female, Shenora Brooks, was arrested on a warrant for failing to appear on a Champaign County traffic case. She was issued a Notice to Appear.

Urbana Police Chief Larry D. Boone commented:

*"I am no stranger to gun violence having come from Norfolk, VA, where young black men were disproportionately involved in gun crimes. Champaign-Urbana is similar in that aspect as the data presented to me shows. While I am proud of the work of the officers involved in this case, I believe there is more work to be done within the community and within law enforcement, specifically when it comes to investigating where these guns are coming from and how they are ending up in the hands of our youth."*

Urbana PD asks that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at [373tips.com](http://373tips.com); or the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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**Original Information Release**

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, at about 2:50 p.m., Urbana officers responded to the area of the 1400 block of Eads St. in Urbana, for several reports of shots fired in the area. Police arrived and found that nobody had been shot, and as of this time, no property has been reported damaged from the multiple shots fired.

Preliminary investigation leads police to believe that two groups, who were all on foot, were shooting at each other in the 1400 block of Eads. During the shooting, one of the groups ran west across Wright Street and onto Grove Street near the area of Booker T. Washington School. Nobody at the school is injured, nor is it suspected at this point that this had anything to do with the school. This appeared to be a targeted attack from one group to another and there is no reason to believe that any student was targeted or there is an immediate risk to the public.

Urbana and Champaign officers are still on the scene collecting evidence. As of this time, no arrests have been made and the case is under investigation. Urbana PD would like to thank Champaign PD for their assistance in this case.

##### END #####