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PRESS RELEASE

August 30, 2019
2:30 p.m.
(Assault on Police Officer)

A late evening fight and alarm investigation resulted in an officer being assaulted and 3 people taken into custody.

On August 29, 2019 at approximately 9:00 p.m. Salisbury Police Officers responded to the area of Naylor and Benny Streets for a report of a large fight in progress. As officers began arriving multiple subjects began fleeing the area on foot as officers tried to investigate the fight and alarm activation.

As officers arrived on the scene, they were met with multiple disorderly subjects. As officers tried to investigate the reported fight along with the alarm activation, they immediately encountered resistance from the involved individuals. As the investigation continued, juvenile #1 (17 year old male) attempted to flee the scene prior to the officers investigation concluding. Officers attempted to detain juvenile #1 and he pushed the officer and then struck the officer in the chest. As additional officers arrived, juvenile #1 was taken into custody.

While officers were trying to take juvenile #1 into custody, juvenile #2 (17 year old female) began berating officers while acting in a disorderly manner. As officers began to take juvenile #2 into custody, she punched the arresting officer in the face multiple times with a closed fist. The 17 year old female was quickly taken into custody. While the arresting officer was trying to put juvenile #2 into the police transport vehicle, juvenile #2 spat in the officer's face. The officer was not injured and did not require medical attention. Juvenile #2 was treated and released from Peninsula Regional Medical Center for minor injuries sustained as a result of the arrest.

As officers were attempting to arrest juvenile #1 and #2, 18 year old Willie Earl Rodgers Jr. continued to intervene and attempted to stop the arrest of juvenile #2. Rodgers was then taken into custody and transported to the Wicomico County Detention Center. After consultation with the Department of Juvenile Services and upon their direction, both juveniles were released to their respective guardian after being formally charged with the crimes committed.



Arrested:
18 year old,
Willie Earl Rodgers Jr.,
Salisbury, MD

Charges:
Disorderly conduct, obstruct and hinder and disturbing the peace.

Arrested:
17 year old female, Salisbury, MD
Charges: Assault on a police officer, obstruct and hinder, fail to obey a lawful order and disorderly conduct.

Arrested:
17 year old male, Salisbury, MD
Charges: Assault on a police officer, obstruct and hinder, fail to obey a lawful order and disorderly conduct.

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