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PRESS RELEASE
September 27, 2019 (9:30 a.m.)
(Assault Investigation/Arrests)

Early Sunday evening, Salisbury police officers and detectives initiated an investigation into a serious assault that occurred at Thirsty's on Snow Hill Road in Salisbury, Maryland.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 2019, Salisbury Police officers responded to Thirsty's, located on Snow Hill Road, for a reported assault in progress involving baseball bats. Upon their arrival, officers met with several witnesses to the assault.

The initial investigation revealed that a 50 year old male victim was seriously injured as a result of the assault at the business. It was determined that the victim was at Thirsty's purchasing fuel when he was assaulted by three males. During the late evening on September 22, 2019 two of the suspects were identified as 48 year old Shawn Christopher Saunders and 50 year old Clarence Edward Pruitt. On September 23, 2019 Saunders and Pruitt were arrested without incident. On September 25, 2019 the third suspect was identified as 25 year old Vernon Dianglo Brown Jr. and he was ultimately arrested on September 26, 2019 without incident.

Further investigation revealed that the assault commenced in the parking lot outside of the business, quickly shifted inside the business, and eventually came to an end back outside of the business. The victim was transported to Peninsula Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released for serious but non-life threatening injuries. Upon the arrest of Saunders, Pruitt and Brown they were transported to the Wicomico County Detention Center where they are currently being held with no bond.

The investigation is ongoing and Detectives are requesting anyone who happened to be in the parking lot or in Thirsty's on September 22, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division and speak with a detective. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Salisbury Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (833)SBY-CITY or Crime Solvers (410) 548-1776.



ARRESTED:

Shawn Christopher Saunders,
 48 years of age, Snow Hill, MD

CHARGES:

Assault 1st degree, assault 2nd degree, reckless endangerment and possession of a dangerous weapon



ARRESTED:

Vernon Dianglo Brown Jr.
 25 years of age, Salisbury, MD

CHARGES:

Conspiracy to commit assault 1st degree, assault 2nd degree, reckless endangerment and false imprisonment



ARRESTED:

Clarence Edward Pruitt,
 50 years of age, Ridgley, MD

CHARGES:

Assault 1st degree, assault 2nd degree, reckless endangerment and possession of a dangerous weapon

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