



News Release

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No. # 2

Subject: "Shootings"

The Mansfield Division of Police is actively investigating two separate shooting incidents which occurred in our city on this date. At 1748 hours, officers responded to the area of West 6th Street and Bowman Street in reference to two (2) persons being shot. Upon arrival, officers and emergency personnel located two male juvenile subjects lying on the ground suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the lower portion of their bodies. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that the two male juvenile shooting victims were walking in the area of the incident location with another person, when a vehicle approached. A person or persons inside the vehicle opened fire upon them. The two male juvenile victims were taken by emergency medical personnel (EMS) to Ohio Health MedCentral Hospital for treatment with very serious, but what are believed to be, non-life threatening injuries at the time of transport. It is unknown how many total shots were fired from the suspect vehicle or how many shooters actively shot at the victims.

Approximately two (2) hours later at 1957 hours, officers responded to the area of North Lake Park after receiving several 911 calls of "shots fired". Once in the area, officers found a vehicle parked in front of 444 West 6th Street with multiple bullet holes in it. Upon attempting to make contact with the residents of 444 West 6th Street, it was discovered that the home had numerous bullet holes throughout the front of it. Officers made entry into the home in an attempt to locate any possible victims of the shooting; however, no victims were located inside and the residence was found to be unoccupied. A short time later, the owner of the damaged vehicle, who also resides at the home, arrived at the scene and spoke to officers but could not provide a reason for the shooting. Officers recovered approximately 17 spent shell casings outside of the residence on the pavement.

Both investigations are ongoing at this time and it is not known if they are related as no motive has been established. Anyone with information about either of these incidents is asked to contact Major Crimes Detective David Scheurer at (419) 755-9748 or Detective Frank Parrella at (419) 755-9470.

Captain Shari Robertson advised any additional information into either shooting will be released Monday January 11th, 2016 as both investigations remain active. We ask that anyone in the community who can provide information about these shootings to please contact the Major Crimes Unit in an effort to assist us in ending this type of violence within our city.