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NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE:	**Public Information Office**
DATE OF RELEASE:	**May 15th, 2022**
REPORT NUMBER:	**22-18740**
SUBJECT:	**Firearm Discharge **UPDATE****
RELEASED BY:	**Officer Andrew Boggess**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPDATE - On Sunday, May 15th, 2022 at approximately 08:20 am, officers from the Owensboro Police Department located the suspect vehicle involved in this incident. The driver of the vehicle failed to stop for officers, resulting in a short pursuit that ended at the corner of Tamarack Road and South Griffith Avenue in a collision between the suspect vehicle and a police cruiser. The officer involved suffered minor injuries from the collision.

Officers took into custody the driver of the vehicle, a 17-year-old male juvenile for numerous charges, which are listed below:

- **Wanton Endangerment – 1st Degree (Police Officer- 4 Counts)**
- **Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm)**
- **Possession of a Handgun by a Minor – 2nd Offense**
- **Fleeing and Evading Police – 1st Degree**
- **and related traffic offenses.**

In addition to these charges, this juvenile had 6 pick-up orders issued by the court and was in possession of a stolen AR-15 style rifle. His previous charges included Wanton Endangerment - 1st Degree, Possession of a Handgun by a Minor – 1st Offense (Enhanced), Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Carfentanil or Fentanyl derivative), Trafficking in Marijuana, Theft from a Building, Disorderly Conduct, Menacing, and a two previous Fleeing or Evading Police charges.

On Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at approximately 3:28 pm, the Owensboro Police Department responded to the area of Southtown Boulevard and Gemini Drive for a reported firearm discharge. The victim advised she was driving on Southtown Boulevard when someone fired a gun, striking her vehicle multiple times. No one was injured. Detectives are currently investigating this incident, and it does not appear to be a random act.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Owensboro Police Department at 270-687-8888 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.