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NEWS RELEASE

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REPORT NUMBER: 22-2333
SUBJECT: Firearm Discharge ****UPDATE****
RELEASED BY: Officer Andrew Boggess

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

****UPDATE** - A male juvenile has been charged with 2 counts of Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, 1 count of Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, and Tampering with Physical Evidence in this case.**

Originally, this juvenile was charged the night of this firearm discharge with Possession of a Handgun by a Minor, 1st Offense, and released by the Court Designated Workers office. Following this juvenile's release, detectives continued the investigation and determined the juvenile was directly involved in the shooting and a juvenile pickup order was obtained on January 25th, 2022.

Information was obtained that this juvenile fled the Owensboro area after learning of his pick-up order. The Owensboro Police Department continued conducting a focused investigation. Once it was determined the juvenile returned to the area, officers were able to locate him and serve the pick-up order on May 11th, 2022.

The juvenile is being held at the Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

****UPDATE** - After further investigation, Kobe Smith (19 years old of Owensboro) has additionally been charged with 2 counts of Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, 1 count of Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, and Tampering with Physical Evidence in this case. A juvenile female was also charged with 2 counts of Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, and 1 count of Criminal Mischief 1st Degree.**

****UPDATE** - Kobe Smith (19 years old of Owensboro) has been arrested and charged with Unlawful Transaction with a Minor. There were two juveniles who were both charged with Possession of a Handgun by a Minor, 1st Offense.**

On Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at approximately 9:34 pm, the Owensboro Police Department responded to the area of East 26th Street and Strawbridge Place for a reported firearm discharge. An occupied vehicle was struck multiple times by gunfire, but no one was injured.

Detectives are continuing to investigate and anyone with any information about the incident is encouraged to call the Owensboro Police Department at 270-687-8888 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.