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NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Firearm Discharge

RELEASED BY: Officer Andrew Boggess

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 at approximately 5:46 pm, the Owensboro Police Department responded to the 2800 block of McFarland Avenue for a firearm discharge where multiple vehicles were struck by gunfire. Four vehicles occupied by a combined total of 5 adults, a 1 year old child, and a 2 year old child were struck and/or in the direct line of gunfire. No injuries were reported. 1 unoccupied vehicle was also struck. Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division responded to investigate. Detectives believe one of the occupied vehicles that was struck was the intended target, and that the other vehicles were not targeted. Detectives conducted interviews with multiple witnesses, canvassed the area, and obtained search warrants for evidence.

On Monday, June 6, 2022, at approximately 11:35 am, the investigation led to detectives charging a juvenile male suspect in this case. The juvenile has been charged with 7 counts of Wanton Endangerment and 4 counts of Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree. In addition to these charges, the juvenile was charged with 2 counts of Wanton Endangerment – 1st Degree in reference to a previous incident where the juvenile suspect pointed a gun at two individuals in the 800 block of Poindexter Street (22-21195). The juvenile was lodged at the Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

The juvenile suspect has previously been charged with Assault 4th Degree (2 counts), Disorderly Conduct, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Trafficking in Marijuana, and Drug Paraphernalia Buy-Possess. The juvenile suspect has also previously been charged with Robbery 2nd Degree and was released to a parent per order of the Court Designated Worker.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.