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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Monday, August 1, 2022 Officers from the Owensboro Police Department developed information regarding the possible location of a juvenile suspected in several recent firearm discharge incidents. Officers established a perimeter at the location and made contact with the occupants. Detectives responded to the scene and obtained a search warrant for the residence. During the search, officers recovered 5 handguns from inside the residence, two of which had been reported stolen. One of the handguns had been reported stolen to the Lexington Police Department in 2021. A second handgun was reported stolen to the Owensboro Police Department on April 28, 2022 (Case # 22-16248). This second handgun had been illegally converted to be fully automatic and had an extended magazine.

Three juveniles were ultimately charged with a variety of offenses and lodged in Warren Regional Juvenile Detention.

Juvenile # 1 was charged with:

- Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm) 1 Count
- Possession of Handgun by Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense 5 Counts
- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Complicity) 5 Counts
- Receiving Stolen Property Over \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 1 Count
- Contempt of Court 1 Count

Juvenile #1 has previously been charged with:

- Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Opiates) (Enhancement)
- Possession of Handgun by Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance within 1,000 feet of School (Enhancement)

- Unlawful Possession of Weapon on School Property
- Possession of Handgun by Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Trafficking in Marijuana (Less than 8oz) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Enhancement)
- Fleeing or Evading Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Motor Vehicle) 2 Counts
- Fleeing or Evading Police, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (On Foot)
- Criminal Trespassing 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Resisting Arrest
- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Reckless Driving 2 Counts
- Speeding 26 mph or more 2 Counts
- Operating Motor Vehicle under Influence Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 2 Counts

Juvenile # 2 was charged with:

- Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm) 1 Count
- Possession of Handgun by Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense 5 Counts
- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Complicity) 5 Counts
- Receiving Stolen Property Over \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 1 Count

Juvenile # 2 has previously been charged with:

- Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Domestic Violence
- Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Violence (No Visible Injury)

Juvenile # 3 was charged with:

- Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm) 1 Count
- Possession of Handgun by Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense 5 Counts

Juvenile # 3 has previously been charged with:

• Possession of Handgun by Minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense

As with several of our recent firearms related incidents, Detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division have provided information to our Federal Law Enforcement Partners regarding illegally purchased/possessed firearms including the converted fully automatic firearm seized during this investigation.