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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (May 28, 2020) Suffolk Police have continued their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the shooting of an adult female while at a party in the 100 block of East Washington Street late Sunday evening. As a result of the investigation, the following subjects have been charged in connection with the circumstances surrounding the entire incident. The subjects charged are the listed owners of Rennee's Celebration Center (RCC), the location where the incident took place. Jeffrey Van Townsend, age 52, of Suffolk, was arrested on charges including Violation of Executive Order 44-146.17, Possession of Alcohol Without License, Maintain a Common Nuisance, Illegal Sale of Alcohol, and Obstruction of Justice. Rennee Townsend, age 57, of Suffolk, was arrested on charges including Violation of Executive Order 44-146.17, Possession of Alcohol Without License, Maintain a Common Nuisance, and Illegal Sale of Alcohol. The two subjects surrendered themselves yesterday at Police Headquarters, where they were served with the charges and released on summons. Mug shots are attached.

The investigation remains ongoing.

POLICE INVESTIGATING SHOOTING INCIDENT

SUFFOLK, VA (May 25, 2020) Suffolk Police are currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred late Sunday, May 24, 2020.

At approximately 11:48 p.m., officers heard and responded to shots being fired in the 100 block of East Washington Street. Upon arrival, officers found over 100 individuals in the vicinity of an event venue and observed multiple active fights as well as a 27-year-old female suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. The gunshot victim received emergency medical assessment and treatment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and was ground transported to a local hospital with what are considered non-life-threatening injuries.

Several individuals were taken into custody for disorderly conduct and the incident remains under investigation. There is no further information available at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Suffolk Police or Suffolk Crime Line. To submit online, go to www.p3tips.com, visit the Suffolk Police Department website (www.suffolkva.us/spd) and look for the Suffolk Crime Line link, or go to the Suffolk Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment. You can also call 888-LOCK-U-UP, 1-888-562-5887, Option 5. Once a person submits a tip, they will be given a TIP ID and password. With this information they can login at p3tips.com and submit follow-up information, engage in two-way dialogue, be informed of the outcome of the tip, and access any pertinent reward information.



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