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Incident Location: 2000 Block of Vawter, Urbana, IL.
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AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM – URBANA

On Monday, September 4, 2023, at about 0319 hours Urbana officers responded to the 2000 block of Vawter in reference to a shooting call.

Police arrived to find a 37-year-old man from Urbana had been shot in his stomach. Investigation revealed that the incident stemmed from an argument that took place in the 2000 block of Vawter between several people. While on the scene of the shooting, police learned that a 28-year-old Urbana man, Anthony Wilkins, had also been shot in the arm during the same incident and was receiving treatment at a local hospital. Neither of the men who were shot had life-threatening injuries. Both men were subsequently treated at local hospitals for their injuries and released.

During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Wilkins was in possession of cocaine and that he had been identified as one of the people shooting. After he received treatment, he was arrested for aggravated discharge of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance. He was ultimately transported to the Champaign County Satellite Jail where he is awaiting further court proceedings.

The investigation into the above-mentioned incident remains ongoing. Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at 373tips.com; or the “P3 Tips” mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.