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Incident Location: Race Street and Florida Avenue, Urbana
Date/Time of Press Release: September 11, 2022 5:10 AM.
Date/Time of Incident: September 12, 2022 4:35 PM.



AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH A FIREARM - URBANA

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, at approximately 5:10 AM., Urbana police officers were dispatched to the intersection of Race Street and Florida Avenue in reference to multiple callers reporting shots heard.

Urbana officers arrived and found 31 shell casings from at least two guns in the roadway as well as a sedan that had flipped and hit multiple trees and came to rest in the yard of a house in the 100 block of W. Florida Avenue. The sedan was riddled with bullet holes. There were three Urbana men, all in their thirties, in the sedan at the time of the shooting. Each of the men had been shot in either their lower extremities and/or lower torsos. Only one of the men was found on the scene when police arrived. He was later transported by ambulance to Carle Hospital for treatment. The other two men received rides to the hospital in personally owned vehicles. One residential shed was also struck by multiple rounds.

The investigation by police revealed that the sedan was traveling eastbound on Florida Avenue near Race Street when the shooting took place. The suspect vehicle, a white sports utility vehicle, appeared to have targeted the sedan and its occupants by pulling up beside it and shooting. The motive for this shooting is unknown and police are still investigating the incident.

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.

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