



PRESS RELEASE

3 Arrested for Assault on Officer – Injured Officer expected to be off to recover from injury

The Warren Police Department would like to provide an update regarding a fight at Lincoln High School which occurred on Monday (04/22/2024) and resulted in serious injuries to a Warren Police Officer. One juvenile and two adults have been arrested and charged for their roles in this violent assault. The injured officer remains off work as she continues to recover from her injuries.

On 04/22/2024 at approximately 02:49pm as school was dismissing for the day, Warren Police Dispatch received several calls regarding a large fight at Lincoln High School involving several subjects. Officers arrived on scene and observed a large group of 30 plus individuals causing a disturbance and engaging in or attempting to engage in fights with students on a school bus and others in the parking lot. Officers arrived on scene and went to break up a group of students who were fighting. During this process, two officers went to place 18-year-old Xavier Jones under arrest for his role in the fight and disturbance. Jones resisted arrest which caused officers and Jones to fall to the ground. Once on the ground, a group of other individuals involved in the fight and disturbance surrounded the two officers who were still working to place Jones under arrest. It was at this point that a 17-year-old juvenile female and 18-year-old Danasia Kennedy-Johnson assaulted the officers. The assault included Kennedy-Johnson kicking/stomping the one officer in the head as she was on the ground. The officer was transported to an area Hospital by the Warren Fire Department wherein she was listed in serious condition. The officer was admitted to the Hospital due to a concussion and other symptoms.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office charged 18-year-old Xavier Jones of Warren with three counts of assaulting & resisting police (2-year-felony) and one count of disorderly conduct (90 day misdemeanor). Jones was arraigned by 37th District Court Chief Judge John Chmura who set bond at \$75,000 cash/surety only. 18-year-old Danasia Kennedy-Johnson of Eastpointe was charged with one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder (10-year felony), assaulting & resisting police causing injury (4-year felony), malicious destruction of property \$200 – \$1,000 (1-year misdemeanor), and one count of disorderly conduct (90-day misdemeanor). Kennedy-Johnson was arraigned by 37th District Court Chief Judge John Chmura who set bond at \$200,000 cash/surety only. A 17-year-old juvenile from Eastpointe was charged with assaulting & resisting police causing injury (4-year felony), two counts of assaulting & resisting police (2-year felony), malicious destruction of property \$200 – \$1,000 (1-year misdemeanor), and one count of disorderly conduct (90-day misdemeanor). Juvenile Referee Harrison denied bond and remanded the juvenile to custody pending future court proceedings.

The injured officer was released from the Hospital the next day (04/23/2024) and is at home recuperating. The officer is expected to miss some time from work due to the considerable injuries caused by this heinous assault. The officer is a 5-year member of the Department and a lifelong Warren resident. The officer is a community-policing officer who regularly volunteers her own time to work with students and the community by participating in such events as the Citizen's Police Academy and Junior Detective Club.

Commissioner Charles Rushton stated that "the investigation into this incident remains ongoing as investigators are working to identify others on scene who assaulted officers. We expect several additional arrest to take place very soon. I commend the Prosecutor's Office for issuing serious charges as well as Judge Chmura for setting appropriate bonds. I am also grateful to members of the Center Line Public Safety Department for responding to the scene to assist our officers.

This is a very serious yet sad incident. Officers responded to a school to keep the peace and protect children. In doing so, officers were assaulted with one officer suffering notable injuries which will impact her going forward. A school should be a setting where officers and students have positive community-based interactions; assaults on officers cannot and should not occur. Any time an officer is assaulted and seriously injured, the entire law enforcement community suffers. I know the men and women of this Department are working together to help their injured partner get better and return to work. Thankfully, the overwhelming majority of the community supports and respects police officers. Please keep the injured officer in your thoughts and prayers and wish her a speedy recovery."

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