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SHOOTING INVESTIGATION – 300 BLOCK OF W. CHURCH STREET

On June 7, 2007, at approximately 7:42 p.m., Champaign Police Department Officers responded to the 300 block of W. Church Street, near West Side Park for a report of a man with a gun. When officers arrived at the location, they approached the suspect who began firing a weapon at the officers. Officers returned fire at the suspect. Three Champaign Police officers and the male suspect were wounded by gunfire and transported to the hospital for treatment.

The injured officers were:

Deputy Chief John Murphy, 21-year veteran, 44 y/o

Officer Shannon Bridges, 3-year veteran, 26 y/o

Officer Jack Armstrong, 3-year veteran, 29 y/o

At this time, all injuries appear to be non-life threatening and Officer Shannon Bridges still remains hospitalized and is in stable condition.

Suspect, Donnell Clemons, remains hospitalized in critical condition. Suspect has been arrested for Attempted Murder and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm. His date of birth is 6/12/1960. Last address is unknown.

The Champaign Police Chief has requested that the Serious Use of Force Team take charge in this investigation. The Serious Use of Force team is a multi-agency investigative unit made up of officers from the Champaign, Rantoul, Urbana and University of Illinois police departments, the Champaign County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police.

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