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**Bloomington Police Investigate Kirkwood Shooting - UPDATE**

On April 26, 2026, at approximately 12:25 a.m., Bloomington Police Department (BPD) officers were stationed in the 400 block of E Kirkwood Avenue monitoring a large crowd that had gathered in the street. Officers heard what they believed to be multiple gunshots and the crowd began scattering. Officers immediately converged on the area and located multiple wounded individuals.

It was originally believed that up to nine individuals had been injured as a result of the gunfire, but it is now believed that five individuals were actually injured by gunfire and the other individuals suffered injuries as they attempted to run from the area. Injuries to those not caused by gunfire included things such as cuts and scrapes from falling while running, etc. Five injured individuals were transported from the downtown area to local hospitals by ambulance, one individual by a BPD squad car, and three individuals by personal vehicles for treatment of injuries. Investigators are unable to confirm that a man later located at a gas station in the 200 block of W 17<sup>th</sup> Street received injuries as a result of the shooting on Kirkwood Avenue and have not determined what caused his injuries.

Investigators have reviewed submitted cell phone footage and video footage from nearby businesses. It is believed that a fight broke out between two females near the front of Five Guys restaurant on Kirkwood Avenue. During the fight, multiple individuals can be seen drawing handguns and it is believed that two separate individuals then fired their weapons. At that point, everyone began running from the scene. Officers then rushed to the area and began looking for victims.

The individuals currently believed to have suffered injuries as a result of gunfire include the following:

- 20-year-old female, one bullet wound to upper torso and also struck by bullet fragments in side of torso
- 18-year-old female, embedded bullet fragments in ankle and shin
- 22-year-old female, embedded bullet fragments in back of thigh
- 17-year-old female, embedded bullet fragments in foot and ankle
- 21-year-old female, embedded bullet fragments in shins and thighs

The 20-year-old woman with the bullet wound to her upper torso is still hospitalized in stable condition. All other injured individuals have been treated and released. Indiana University Associate Vice President and IUPD Superintendent Benjamin Hunter confirmed at a media briefing on the afternoon of April 26 that none of the injured individuals are students at Indiana University.

The Indiana University Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and the Indiana State Police assisted at the scene. Remotely Piloted Aerial Vehicles (RPAVs) were used to document the scene and a helicopter from the Indiana State Police also responded to assist in the investigation. No suspects are in police custody at this time and anyone with information about the shooting, or who may have video of the shooting, is asked to contact Detective Chris Scott at 812-339-4477.

No further information is available for release at this time.

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