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Bloomington Police Arrest Little 500 Shooting Suspect

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.

Investigators reviewed submitted cell phone footage and video footage from nearby businesses. Video footage confirmed that a fight broke out between two females near Five Guys. Investigators were able to identify one of the females involved in the fight as a 20-year-old Indiana University student. She was interviewed by detectives on April 27, 2026, where she said she was on Kirkwood Avenue the night of the shooting. She reported that she got into a physical altercation with multiple individuals that she did not know after someone threw water on her. During the fight, a man can be seen on video waving a handgun towards the crowd surrounding the females. As the man is confronting one of the females involved in the fight, he discharges a round from the handgun into the sidewalk near the entrance to Five Guys. The crowd then disperses and people can be seen running from the area.

On April 30, 2026, still images of the man seen on the video waving the handgun and discharging a round into the sidewalk were provided to members of the media in an effort to identify the suspect. Within an hour, the suspect was identified by multiple callers as Lewis James May (18, Bloomington). Investigators were initially unsure of where May was living, but eventually located him at his residence in the 1600 block of S Dorchester Drive on May 5, 2026. Officers began surveilling the residence and observed May leaving in a vehicle at approximately 5:15 p.m. The vehicle then stopped at a downtown restaurant and as May exited the vehicle, he was taken into custody without incident. Investigators sought a search warrant for May's residence to search for evidence related to the shooting and it was granted. At the residence, a Taurus 9mm handgun as well as a backpack that resembled a shark were located and confiscated as evidence. Lewis James May (DOB 2/4/2008) was transported to the Monroe County Jail and remanded for the following charges:

- Battery by Means of a Deadly Weapon, level 5 felony (x2)
- Criminal Recklessness, level 5 felony
- Pointing a Firearm at Another, level 6 felony

Investigators continue to investigate the events that occurred during the early morning hours of April 26, 2026. It is now believed that a second shooting occurred near the front of Chipotle at 420 E Kirkwood Avenue shortly after the shooting near Five Guys. It is not known if the two shootings are connected, but both are believed to have happened within a very short time period of one another. The shooting that occurred in front of Five Guys involving Lewis May injured at least two females and the shooting that occurred in front of Chipotle is believed to have injured at least three females. Investigators continue to seek further video from the area of Chipotle and anyone with video or information is asked to contact Detective Chris Scott at 812-339-4477.

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Under Indiana law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

A booking photo of Lewis May has been provided courtesy of the Monroe County Jail.