

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Deputies Charge 4 after On Viewing Shots Fired

City of Syracuse, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) Unit make quick arrests in shots fired incident while patrolling the streets of Syracuse.

Last night at approximately 9:56 pm, while deputies were patrolling in the area of South Geddes Street near Shonnard Street, they heard several gunshots. As they drove into the intersection to further investigate the incident, they observed three male suspects actively firing several more gunshots into a parked vehicle that was in the parking lot of the Geddes Express gas station. As deputies approached the gas station, the suspects ran south on Shonnard Street to an awaiting occupied vehicle. Deputies positioned their patrol vehicle behind the suspect vehicle, preventing it from leaving the area and with the assistance from officers with the Syracuse Police Department, all four suspects into custody, including a 14 year old.

No one was injured during the incident, which left several gunshot holes in the vehicle. Deputies further located a total of three handguns inside the suspect's vehicle, a Highpoint 45 caliber, a Charter Arms 357 revolver and an Intratech 9mm Luger (Tec-9) with a 32 round magazine.

Deputies charged the driver, Nahkeen Lewis Bush (27) of Onondaga Street, Syracuse with criminal possession of a weapon in the 2nd degree. The three suspects observed firing shots, Joseph Seymour (18) of North Ave, Syracuse, Ja'Khari Meridy (16) of Midland Ave, Syracuse and a 14 year old male from Syracuse were all charged with criminal possession of a weapon 2nd degree, reckless endangerment in the 1st degree, attempted assault in the 1st degree and criminal use of a firearm in the 2nd degree.

All three adult males were lodged overnight in the Justice Center and are expected to be arraigned sometime this morning. The 14 year old juvenile male was lodged at the Onondaga County Hillbrook Juvenile Detention Center and is expected to be arraigned this morning in Family Court.

The Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative is designed to reduce firearm-related crimes, shootings, and homicides. In addition to the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, the Syracuse Police Department, County Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office is assigned to the operation. Last week alone, Deputies recovered four (4) guns off the streets which could have potentially caused injury or death to someone.

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