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Case: 19-1222 – Assault, 300 Block Ave M West

At approximately 9:10 P.M. last evening, the Webster County Telecommunications Center received a call in reference to a male attempting to assault others in the 300 block of Ave M West. Information was also received that the male may have been armed with a weapon.

As officers were arriving on scene, another call came in indicating that a window had been shot out of an apartment. When officers arrived, they quickly determined that the male subject had left the area but did observe what appeared to be a blood trail leading away from an apartment. Officers followed the trail and located a male with a significant laceration to his arm. He was transported to Unity Point – Trinity Regional Medical Center for treatment. It was determined that the male had cut his arm breaking out the window that was originally reported as being shot out. No weapon or evidence of a shot being fired was located. It is believed, per witness statements, that the noise reported as a shot being fired was likely fireworks from Iowa Central's yearend event that was occurring at the same time.

Officers were able to gather multiple witness statements indicating a fight had taken place between individuals outside prior to the male breaking the glass and cutting his arm. At this point, no arrests have been made but the investigation is continuing and charges are pending. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Fort Dodge Police Department.

Initial reports indicated that a shooting had taken place but we want to clarify that was not the case. There was also reports of a male on scene with little to no pulse. This was the individual who sustained the laceration to his arm reacting from blood loss resulting from his injury. Due to our continuing investigation, we will not be releasing any names of those involved at this point.

The Fort Dodge Police Department was assisted on scene by the Fort Dodge Fire Department.

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