



# FORT DODGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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*Case: FD19-3177 – Shooting Investigation, 1300 Block South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street*

On Tuesday, October 29 at approximately 7:40 P.M., the Webster County Telecommunications Center received multiple calls regarding possible shots fired in the area of the 1300 block of South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Fort Dodge. A call also came in indicating that a female had been shot. No information was given as to potential suspects involved at that time.

When officers arrived on scene, they located a 19-year-old female identified as Tailen Sturtz, who had been shot in the back. Officers provided medical care until paramedics were able to arrive. She was transported from the scene to Unity Point – Trinity Regional Medical Center before being taken to Des Moines via Life Flight in stable condition.

Officers and investigators have been investigating this incident throughout the evening hours. At this stage, little information is being provided as to what occurred. Multiple witnesses have been spoken to as well as evidence collected. We feel as though there are those that have direct knowledge of this incident, and we strongly encourage them to come forward with that information. We have reason to believe this incident involved individuals known to each other and have no evidence to support this was a random act.

The Fort Dodge Police Department was assisted on scene by the Webster County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Dodge Fire Department.

**Public Information Officer: Captain Ryan Gruenberg - [rgruenberg@fortdodgeiowa.org](mailto:rgruenberg@fortdodgeiowa.org)**

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Fort Dodge Police Department.  
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