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NEWS RELEASE

Escambia Deputies Respond to Shots Fired Call

At approximately 3:45 a.m. this morning, Escambia Deputies responded to a shots fired disturbance in the 5500 block of Turkey Rd. While en route information was being received that a white vehicle was being chased by a pick up truck and an SUV. When deputies arrived they observed three vehicles running in an open field.

Deputies secured the vehicles and then observed several people within the field. All parties were secured and the following information obtained from the resident at the Turkey Road address: Douglas Weinberg stated that his wife woke him and stated that she observed someone inside the back yard creeping along the fence. Weinberg stated he armed himself with his black semi-automatic handgun and exited his residence to see a white colored vehicle exit a side street one house from his. Weinberg stated his neighbors began exiting their residences due to the commotion.

Weinberg's neighbor, Jerry Stefani exited his residence with a revolver firearm and observed Weinberg yelling at a white vehicle. Stefani entered his pick up truck, picked up Weinberg and began chasing the white car. Another neighbor had entered his vehicle and tried to follow Weinberg and Stefani.

Weinberg and Stefani pursued the white car, occupied by three people into an open field on Turkey Rd. The three occupants, later identified Dylan Duffewn (19), David Crittenden (32), and Daniel Hayes (22) got the car stuck in the mud in the open field and fled on foot due to Weinberg and Stefani being armed. Weinberg and Stefani then fired several rounds at the three fleeing occupants and into the air in an attempt to stop them from running into the woods. Victim/Duffewn stopped and laid down out of fear of being shot and the other two continued into the woods.

Investigation revealed that Weinberg and Stefani had exited their residences with the above described handguns. The three occupants of the white vehicle were

actually delivering newspapers for the Pensacola News Journal and were not involved in the attempted burglary at the Weinberg residence and fled only because they observed the two homeowners armed with guns and believed they were about to become the victims of a robbery.

The actual burglars were not apprehended and left the area in the confusion. The Sheriff's Office is investigating that case and has developed suspect information.

Warrant Affidavits have been sent off for judicial review charging both Weinberg and Stefani with aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon without intent to kill.

This Press release can be viewed from the
Escambia County Sheriff's Office Website at www.escambiaso.com.

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