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Bloomington Police Investigate Shootings Overnight - UPDATE

On April 23rd at approximately 1:10 a.m., officers responded to the Kalao Nightclub in the 300 block of N Walnut Street in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival, officers determined that multiple shots had been fired inside the bar and located three victims with gunshot wounds in the street outside the establishment. The victims had been shot in the lower-level rear bar area of the establishment and had fled outside. A 26 year-old man had a gunshot wound to his pelvis, a 41 year-old man had a gunshot wound to his upper thigh, and a 22 year-old man had a gunshot wound to his thigh. Officers provided emergency medical care until IU Health LifeLine ambulances arrived on scene. All three victims were transported to IU Health Bloomington Hospital for treatment. At the time of this release, their conditions are not known. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact Detective Jeff Rodgers at (812)349-3318.

As officers were investigating the shooting at Kalao, Central Emergency Dispatch received another call of a man shot in a parking lot near the intersection of 6th Street and Lincoln Street at approximately 1:30 a.m. Officers responded to the area and located a 26 year-old man in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a gunshot wound to his abdomen. The victim was transported to IU Health Bloomington Hospital via ambulance. It is believed that this shooting occurred near the alleyway that runs east and west between Kirkwood Avenue and 6th Street. The victim in this shooting was rushed to emergency surgery once at the hospital. His condition is unknown. It is also not known if the two shootings were connected or if they were completely separate events. Anyone with information about this shooting is asked to contact Detective Jon Muscato at (812)349-3325.

UPDATE

On the afternoon of April 23rd, investigators continued to follow-up with both shooting investigations. Video surveillance from inside the Kalao Nightclub was able to be viewed. The video showed the suspect and the 41 year-old victim in an altercation just prior to the shooting. The suspect can then be seen producing a handgun and firing multiple times in the very crowded bar area. At this time, it is believed that there was only one shooter inside the nightclub. The suspect then ran out of the establishment and fled the area prior to the arrival of officers.

Currently, both the 41 year-old victim and the 26 year-old victim are hospitalized in stable condition. The 22 year-old victim was treated and released from the hospital.

Little has been learned about the shooting near the intersection of 6th Street and Lincoln Street. Investigators continue to search for witnesses and are attempting to review surveillance footage from nearby cameras. The 26 year-old victim from that shooting is currently hospitalized and is in critical condition.

It remains unknown if the shootings are related in any way. No arrests have been made in either investigation.

No further information is available for release at this time.

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