



## City of Bloomington Police Department

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#### **Bloomington Police Arrest Suspect in Little 500 Weekend Shooting**

On April 23, 2022, Monroe County Central Emergency Dispatch received a 911 call reporting that a man had been shot in a parking lot near the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Once at the hospital, he was rushed to emergency surgery and remained in critical care at IU Health Bloomington Hospital until being transferred to an Indianapolis hospital via helicopter on May 16<sup>th</sup> for continued care.

While at the scene, investigators found a single .40 caliber shell casing near the rear kitchen door of a restaurant to the south of the parking lot where the victim had been located. Video surveillance from nearby security cameras was eventually able to be reviewed. The video showed a verbal altercation between two groups of individuals near the rear of the restaurant just prior to the shooting. Investigators were able to identify and interview all involved parties. It was learned that the verbal altercation had become physical and several individuals began fighting just outside the view of the security camera footage. A short time after the fight began, it was reported that one of the involved men brandished a handgun and fired it one time. Witnesses identified the shooter as Michael V. Carson, Jr. (33, Bloomington).

The investigating detective contacted Carson via telephone on May 26<sup>th</sup> and requested that he come to the Police Department for an interview. Carson arrived at the Department at approximately 7:00 p.m., where he was questioned. It was determined that there was no

connection between this shooting and the shooting that occurred on the same night at the Kalao Nightclub.

At the conclusion of the interview, Michael V. Carson, Jr. was transported to the Monroe County Jail and remanded to jail custody for the following charges:

- Attempted Murder, level 1 felony
- Carrying a Handgun without a License, class A misdemeanor

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*Under Indiana law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*

A booking photo of Carson may be obtained by contacting the Monroe County Jail.