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Bloomington Police Respond to Shots Fired

On October 16th, 2023, at approximately 1:46 p.m., officers responded to the shopping plaza in the 300 block of E. Winslow Road in reference to reports of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers determined that two men had exchanged gunfire with each another. Investigators were not able to locate any victims, but discovered that a nearby building had been struck by bullets and witnesses told officers that a white SUV had fled the scene shortly after the shooting with a shattered rear window.

A short time later, officers observed a white SUV with a shattered rear window on S. Rockport Road. The vehicle was therefore stopped by officers in the 2300 block of S. Rockport Road and the occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody without incident for questioning. During this time, S. Rockport Road was closed to traffic for a few hours while the investigation was ongoing.

Several witnesses at the scene of the shooting were interviewed and video footage from area businesses was reviewed. It was learned that the 18-year-old man and 19-year-old man involved in the shooting knew each other and that this was not a random incident. Bloomington Police Detectives also recovered a stolen firearm during the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing and no further information is available for release.