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## News Release

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### **Charges Requested in Weekend Shooting All Suspects Have Been Apprehended**

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, at approximately 9:47 PM, deputies responded to 1875 Frontage Lane in the Town of Linwood for a report of gunshots. Upon arrival, they discovered that one male had been shot, two others had been physically assaulted, and that several suspects had fled the scene. EMS responded to the residence and transported two victims with non-life threatening injuries.

The shooting victim was 22 year old Travis Seavers. Also assaulted at the scene was his father, 60 year old Randy Seavers. Both victims were residents of the home. Also at the home, but not injured, was a younger 17 year old son of Randy.

Deputies were able to piece together a sequence of events which started with a heated back-and-forth over social media. The suspects then decided to come over to the Seavers's residence for the purposes of starting a fight. Upon their arrival, Randy Seavers attempted to intervene and

order the suspects to leave his property. Travis Seavers reportedly exited the house with a .22 caliber pistol and fired a warning shot into the air.

A fight ensued where the pistol was taken from Travis and subsequently used to shoot him as he fled the melee. During the incident, Randy was severely beaten and suffered a substantial head injury. The suspects then fled the scene. All of the individuals who came to the residence are suspected to be criminal gang members.

Approximately 11 minutes later, deputies located one of the suspect vehicles in the City of Stevens Point. Officers arrested two suspects without incident, 27 year old Spencer Wnuk, and 25 year old Cody Kubowski, both from Stevens Point.

Based on multiple tips from citizens, deputies were able to take the three remaining suspects into custody late Monday afternoon, also without incident. Arrested was 21 year old Tanner Tork from Stevens Point, who was the shooter at the initial scene. Also taken into custody were 23 year old Noah Zachman from the Town of Stockton, and 22 year old Laice Firkus from Stevens Point.

The Sheriff's Office is forwarding requests for charges to the District Attorney as follows:

- Tanner Tork: First degree reckless injury, aggravated battery, endangering safety by use of dangerous weapon, and felony bail jumping. Tork is also being held on a probation hold.
- Spencer Wnuk: First degree reckless injury (as a party to the crime) and aggravated battery (as a party to the crime). Wnuk is also being held on a probation hold.
- Laice Firkus: First degree reckless injury (as a party to the crime), aggravated battery (as party to the crime), and disorderly conduct.
- Cody Kubowski: Disorderly conduct.

- Noah Zachman: Disorderly conduct. He is also being held on a probation hold.

Final decisions regarding charges are the purview of the District Attorney, and subject to amendment as more facts are known. Additional penalty enhancers for use of a dangerous weapon and criminal gang activity may be considered as well.

Firkus is expected to make an initial appearance in Portage County Circuit Court today.

Zachman, Wnuk, and Tork are expected to make their initial appearances on Wednesday.

Kubowski was released Sunday night he was processed and his court date has not been set as of now.

The case remains under active investigation by the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau.

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