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NEWS RELEASE

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Multiple Fatal Shooting Investigations

UPDATE 7/5/2024, 3:40 p.m.

The Fort Worth Police Department has identified and charged a suspect in connection with the recent shooting on W. Cleburne RD.

Kanard Trent Murphy, 26, has been charged with Capital Murder of Multiple Persons under Penal Code 19.03.

Murphy is currently at an area hospital undergoing medical evaluation. The warrant affidavit detailing the circumstances of the case will be released at a later date and time.

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FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth Police Department responded to multiple fatal shooting investigations overnight on the 4th of July.

At 11:33 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2024, officers responded to a shooting call in East Fort Worth at the intersection of Castleman St. and Wiman Dr.

Officers found one female victim with a gunshot wound and a second victim who had suffered a medical emergency. Both victims were taken to an area hospital and unfortunately did not survive their injuries. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office will determine the official cause and manner of death and will identify the victims once next-of-kin has been notified.

Two additional shooting victims were also taken to area hospitals with non-life-threatening gunshot injuries and are expected to survive.

The shooting took place after a crowd of about 200-300 people took over multiple blocks on Castleman St. and were launching fireworks towards neighboring homes.

Detectives believe that multiple suspects are responsible for shooting gunfire at people and are working to determine their identities. Anyone with information is asked to contact Tarrant County CrimeStoppers at 817-469-TIPS (8477) or www.469TIPS.com. Tipsters may remain anonymous.

This remains an ongoing investigation. The report number is 240052417.

A short time later, at 11:40 p.m., officers responded to a second fatal shooting in South Fort Worth.

Officers arrived to the 7500 block of W. Cleburne Rd. to find an adult male with a gunshot wound to his lower body. The victim was taken an area hospital and did not survive his injuries. The Fort Worth Police Department learned that during the same time frame, five additional shooting victims were taken by private vehicles to a local hospital with injuries sustained from the same shooting incident.

Unfortunately, two female shooting victims who were 15-months-old and four-years-old did not survive their injuries.

Three other victims who were shot are not believed to have life-threatening injuries. Detectives learned that a fight broke out between the suspect and one of the shooting victims. The suspect began shooting at the individual and others who were present.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined the suspect was also shot during this incident.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner will determine the manner, cause of death, and the identities of the deceased will be released once next-of-kin are notified.

"My heart breaks for the families who are waking up after the 4th of July, a day meant for celebration, to grieve the loss of young lives taken from senseless crime," said Fort Worth Chief of Police Neil Noakes. "We share in their grief and remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community."

We thank the residents for their vigilance and cooperation during this time. As always, we urge the community to report suspicious activity. If you see something, say something.

This remains an ongoing investigation. The report number is 240052425.

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2024 – 36

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