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PRESS RELEASE

Multiple Shots Fired in Parsons

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May 2, 2019 at approximately 1655 hours Parsons Police were called to 28th and Clark for a report of a shooting with vehicles involved.

Parsons officers arrived at the scene and were informed that a white Cadillac Escalade was involved with another vehicle that may have been a white Dodge Durango or White Chevy Blazer. Officers located the White Escalade a few blocks from the scene with multiple bullet holes in it. The vehicle was found unoccupied. It was impounded as evidence as a part of the ongoing investigation.

Two residences in the immediate area were found with what appeared to be bullet holes in them. No injuries were reported from occupants of the homes. Parsons Police and Labette County Sheriff Deputies searched area of the incident and were able to locate multiple shell casings in the street. Witnesses were only able to tell officers that there were two white vehicles involved and possibly a black female driver of the Durango or Blazer. It is uncertain of the motive for the shooting, but it appears not to be a random act of violence as the gunshots were fire at a specific vehicle.

“This is the exact situation that every city in America faces. There will always be a percentage of the population that puts innocent people in danger,” said Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks. “Citizens should be outraged at this type of crime in our city. While violent crime dropped in Parsons in 2018, citizens have to take an active part in crime prevention, neighborhood awareness and reporting all suspicious activity 24 hours-a-day. We will also continue to pursue these criminals and bring them before our Judges for justice,” finished Spinks.

The Parsons Police Department would like to clarify other reported shootings that have occurred this week. On May 1st there was a report of shots fire in the Winway Addition that was found to be a land owner shooting on his property safely outside of the city. On May 2nd there was a report of shots fired in the area of 14th and Chess that was confirmed to be fireworks, the resident was given a warning and advised of the city’s firework ordinance. Then later in the evening there was another report of shots fired that was determined to be an accidental discharge where a city resident shot themselves in the hand.

Chief Spinks also wants to encourage anyone with information to ‘Rat on a Rat’, because only rats ruin the areas that they live in, and purposely spread disease to the innocent. There is no doubt that both of the shootings in Parsons have a drug related nexus and must be stopped.

This continues to be an on-going investigation and citizens are encouraged to “See It, Hear It, Report It.” If anyone has any further information on this incident or any other criminal activity, please contact the Parsons Police Department at 421-7060 or call the Tip Line at 421-7057 or email at tips@parsonspd.com.

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