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## **Press Release: Arrests made in Weapon Offense**

Case # 18-M10107

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On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 9:11 pm, Mount Vernon police were dispatched to a report of shots fired near the intersection of N. Laventure Road and E. College Way. Witnesses reported occupants of a blue minivan had fired shots toward a black passenger vehicle. The blue minivan was last observed heading westbound on E. College Way and the black passenger vehicle left northbound on N. Laventure Road. Responding officers were unable to locate the blue minivan, and officers in neighboring jurisdictions were alerted.

Investigation at the scene determined both vehicles had been stopped facing westbound at the intersection of E. College Way and N. Laventure Road. The driver of the black vehicle reported the occupants of the blue minivan were yelling at him, as he turned northbound onto N. Laventure Road. As the minivan traveled westbound through the intersection, the victim and several witnesses reported hearing several gunshots.

Evidence was located and collected at the scene, which corroborates witness statements. No injuries and no property damage were reported.

Approximately 20 minutes later, Sedro Woolley Police located the blue minivan on State Street near Metcalf, and conducted a traffic stop. Five occupants of the vehicle were detained and transported to the Mount Vernon police department for interviews.

As a result of the investigation, a 29-year old Mount Vernon man, a 19-year old Mount Vernon man and a 17-year old juvenile male from Burlington were booked for investigation of Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.36.045). The other two vehicle occupants, both 14-year old juvenile males from Mount Vernon were released to parents.

Investigators are still trying to determine if the suspects and victim have any prior relationship, and what led up to the shooting. The investigation is continuing, as detectives plan to serve a search warrant on the blue minivan and several cell phones belonging to the suspects.

At this time, there's no information linking this incident to the reported shooting that occurred near Starbucks and Big Scoop on Saturday afternoon.

**Anyone with information that may assist us in this investigation is encouraged to call police dispatch at (360) 428-3211 or Mount Vernon Police Department at (360) 336-6271.**

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