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SEVERAL ARRESTED AFTER SHOTS FIRED

Oceanside, California..... July 26, 2009 at approximately 2:20am, officers responded to the area of Greenbrier and Apple Street reference a call of shots fired.

While responding to the call, officers heard several gunshots in rapid succession coming from the area of 2300 Greenbrier Drive. As the officers entered the area, they observed a vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed. The officers caught up with the vehicle and made a traffic stop on three males inside the car.

The officers were told by one of the passengers that there were weapons in the car and one officer observed a gun on the rear seat of the car. All three men were detained and later arrested and transported to the police station.

A second officer that monitored the call observed a separate vehicle traveling east bound on Oceanside Boulevard at a high rate of speed. As the officer was following the car, the front right tire exploded and the vehicle came to a stop. As the officer approached the car he observed the rear window appeared to be shot out and there were apparent bullet holes in the rear of the car. The officer contacted the solo occupant and determined he had been drinking alcohol. A conversation with the driver revealed he was involved in the shooting incident as the victim of the gunshots. He was not injured as a result of the gunfire.

A synopsis of the event is that a verbal confrontation occurred earlier between all four men. As three of them were walking up Greenbrier, 26 year old Dennis Lawshea, a Marine stationed aboard Camp Pendleton, saw the three he was involved in the argument with and attempted to run one if not all three down with his Ford Focus. He struck one of them, 21 year old Michael Washington, also a Marine stationed aboard Camp Pendleton, knocking him to the ground.

It was at this time that Washington and 21 year old Brady Brown began firing weapons at the vehicle striking it several times. Lawshea fled the area where he was contacted and arrested by officers for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol.

Washington, Brown and a 17 year old male were contacted on the traffic stop after fleeing the scene by officers and arrested. Washington and Brown were arrested for Assault with a deadly weapon, Possession of a loaded firearm and Possession of a stolen weapon. All adult suspects were transported and booked in the Sheriff's Detention Facility in Vista for their respective charges.

The 17 year old juvenile was arrested for Conspiracy, Possession of a stolen weapon and Possession of a loaded handgun. He was placed in Juvenile Hall in San Diego.

Officers recovered a .45 caliber pistol, a 9mm pistol and a 12 gauge shotgun from Brown's vehicle.

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