



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Case No. 10-13951

On August 29, 2010 at approximately 11:43 p.m., Portage Police officers responded to investigate the report of a fight that occurred at Portage West Middle School. Officers received information that a knife may have been used during the fight.

After a preliminary investigation, officers were able to determine that two Portage men were at Portage West Middle School skateboarding. The two men recognized each other from a previous assault between them, which occurred in Portage in August of 2009. They then engaged in a physical altercation. During the altercation, witnesses recalled seeing a shiny object, which they thought may be a knife. One of the men sustained a cut to his head. The other man sustained a head injury. Both men were treated and released from local area hospitals. Portage officers are continuing to investigate this incident.

**\*UPDATE\***

**March 23, 2011**

The Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office has authorized a charge of Felonious Assault against Evan Russell Carpenter, 18, of Portage.

Carpenter voluntarily surrendered to the Portage Police on March 23, 2011 and was arraigned on the charge at the 8<sup>th</sup> District Court South. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Anyone having information regarding this incident is requested to call the Portage Police Department at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100.

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