



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 11-11029

On July 10, 2011, at approximately 1:45 a.m., Portage police officers responded to the 7300 block of Starbrook Street for a shooting that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers observed a 26-year-old male subject bleeding profusely from his left arm and upper body. The man's 22-year-old wife was administering first aid to the victim upon officers' arrival. The victim received further medical assistance at the scene and was then transported to Bronson Hospital, where he is currently listed in stable condition.

During the investigation it was determined that the couple had been involved in an argument when the wife allegedly shot the victim one time with a shotgun at close range. Another subject at the residence then called 911.

The woman was taken into custody at the scene. She is currently being held at the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. Charges of Attempted Murder and Felony Firearm will be submitted to the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office for review.

-- UPDATE --

On July 11, 2011, Megan Hartley was charged with Assault with Intent to Murder and Felony Firearm from a shooting that occurred on July 10, 2011 at 1:45 a.m. She was arraigned and is currently released on \$100,000 cash bond. The victim, Hartley's husband, continues to recover from significant injuries

The investigation revealed that Megan Hartley was upset over confrontations that had occurred earlier in the evening. Alcohol was a contributing factor. A family friend was in the house at the time and called 9-1-1 after the assault. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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