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Case No. 16-3927

On March 13, 2016, at approximately 12:45 a.m., officers from the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to The Renaissance, located at 3750 E. Kilgore, in reference to a shooting that occurred inside the banquet hall. A Portage Department of Public Safety officer near the banquet hall had heard what sounded like three gunshots coming from inside the building.

A victim, a 22-year-old male from Detroit, approached another Portage officer and advised him that he had been shot. The officer observed what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the victim's lower jaw. While the officer was waiting for paramedics and attempting to treat the victim, the victim's friends grabbed the victim and transported him to the hospital. The victim was treated and remains hospitalized in serious condition.

During the course of the shooting investigation, another Detroit resident that was attending the event, and associated with the gunshot victim, was arrested on an unrelated outstanding armed robbery warrant from the Detroit Police Department. The Detroit Police Department had previously contacted Portage and advised that the subject that had the warrant might possibly be attending the event. The Portage officers and officers from other jurisdictions were in the area looking for this subject.

The shooting incident is still under investigation. The suspect in the shooting has not been arrested and nor has he been identified.

The event at the banquet hall was a birthday party for a 23-year-old Kalamazoo resident. The event was attended by 250-300 people from both the Detroit area and Kalamazoo area.

The Portage Department of Public Safety was assisted during this incident by the Michigan State Police, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office and Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

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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