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On February 17, 2018 at approximately 1:40 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety police officers began responding to the area of the Riviera Maya restaurant located at 5036 S. Westnedge Avenue. A large gathering of people inside the restaurant were planning to leave before 2:00 a.m. As officers began arriving in the area, the Portage Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a female saying she had been pepper sprayed inside the restaurant. When officers arrived, a large group of people were all attempting to leave the small area at one time. Officers also encountered three females who advised that they were pepper sprayed by another female inside the women's restroom of the restaurant.

Officers from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety responded to the scene to assist Portage officers clear the parking lot due to the number of people and vehicles. Pride Care Ambulance personnel responded to the scene and rendered medical aid to the three victims. The three victims were released from the scene and did not require further medical attention. This incident remains under investigation.

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

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