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ATHENS POLICE ARREST ONE FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – January 7, 2020 – On January 6, 2020, around 1:15pm, officers were dispatched to the area of Caesar Street in reference to a disturbance. Dispatch advised that man was seen hitting a woman in a yard, and gunshots were heard in the area.

Officers identified the house in question as 115 Ray Street, and located Jamar Williams there moving frantically around a car in the yard.

They eventually determined that Mr. Williams had allegedly physically assaulted two women in the yard, one of which was his girlfriend. During the altercation, he appears to have also brandished and fired a weapon in the yard.

During an exhaustive investigation, officers obtained evidence corroborating the allegations against Mr. Williams. They also obtained a search warrant for the residence, with which they located further evidence supporting the allegations.

Mr. Williams was turned over to the McMinn County Jail on charges of Attempted First Degree Murder, Aggravated Assault and Reckless Endangerment.

Chief Couch, of the Athens Police Department, said "I'm proud of the hard work that all of the involved officers put into this investigation. I hope that the victim of this heinous act can find a better life and move forward from this abuse. No one should have to live like this, and we want people in this situation to know that resources are available to help them. There is hope."

The Athens Police Department encourages anyone who is the victim of domestic violence to seek help. They can contact local law enforcement or area domestic violence resource centers. In the Athens area, The Hope Center provides specific resources to help women in abusive situations. They can be reached at (423) 745-5289. Their web address is www.thehopecenterinc.com.

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