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Press Release

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On May 21, 2009, at 9:01 PM, the Willoughby Police Department received a report of a large disturbance and a stabbing that occurred at River Isle Terrace Apartments, 38153 Erie Road, Willoughby.

Officers arriving on scene learned that River Isle resident, Drew Woodruff, age 25, had suffered several stab wounds to the back. Woodruff was transported to Hillcrest Hospital and later flown to MetroHealth Hospital in Cleveland.

As police were responding, a Willoughby Patrolman spotted the suspect vehicle (Black Pontiac Grand Am) driving northbound on Lost Nation Road. A traffic stop was initiated and the occupants taken into custody. A knife and bloody clothes were recovered from the vehicle.

Investigators learned that this incident stemmed from an argument between several River Isle residents and two brothers, Jeffrey and Brian Smith, both from Cleveland. The Smith brothers had come to River Isle Terrace Apartments to pick up a friend. An argument broke out over a parking space and whether the Smith brothers were permitted to be on the property. The argument turned physical with the Smith brothers punching several River Isle residents including Woodruff. During the fight Jeffrey Smith stabbed Woodruff in the back four times and Brian Smith kicked Woodruff in the head while Woodruff was on the ground. Jeffrey Smith had threatened several of the residents with the knife prior to the stabbing.

Jeffrey Smith has been charged with one count of felonious assault, a felony of the second degree.

Brian Smith has been charged with one count of simple assault, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Both defendants are scheduled to be arraigned today at 1:30 PM.

Drew Woodruff was last reported to be in stable condition.



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Jeffrey S Smith
DOB 12/06/1984



Brian C Smith
DOB 01/18/1979