



## MEDIA RELEASE

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ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Five Arrests After Shots Fired Into Claxton Home, Marijuana Found

Five persons were arrested early Sunday morning, November 23, after deputies responded to a report of shots fired into an occupied home in the Claxton community. In an unusual series of events, sheriff's dispatchers first began receiving anonymous 911 calls from a cell phone around 5:00am, reporting a shooting into a residence had occurred at 120 East Circle. However, the calls were not coming from the actual residence. Some 30 calls were made over the next several minutes. Deputies responded to the East Circle home and upon arrival spoke with a person on the front porch who initially gave a false name and false information about what happened. Another person was found hiding in the back yard. A third person was inside the residence. Bullet holes were found in the front of the house. After investigation the person on the front porch was identified as **CODY SHANE AWAIS**, 26, and the one hiding was found to be **SAMIR JOSEPH AWAIS**, 23, his brother. Both had outstanding warrants in Anderson, Knox, and Sevier Counties. The person in the house was identified as **ALYSSA MANSFIELD**, 24, of Sevierville. No warrants were found and she was not wanted. All three finally admitted the house had been shot at on two separate occasions earlier in the morning. The reason for the shooting was said to be over a "dispute". Both the **AWAIS** brothers were taken to the Anderson County Detention Facility on the active warrants. No one was injured in the shooting.

Deputies then went to the address where the 911 calls were made at 360 Blackferry Road. There they found **KEVIN SCOTT GARNER**, 25, and **ARTHUR ALLEN BOURDEAU**, 20, at the residence. After investigation, deputies learned **GARNER** was the person responsible for shooting into the residence not once but twice earlier that morning. They also found **BOURDEAU** was the one who made the many anonymous 911 calls. The two handguns used in the shooting along with a large amount of marijuana and numerous items of drug paraphernalia were found in the residence. Both **GARNER** and **BOURDEAU** were arrested and taken to the detention facility. Their charges are listed below.

While deputies were conducting their investigation at the Blackferry Road home, another resident arrived and began interfering into the crime scene, refused to stop disrupting the scene, and scuffled with deputies. **DAVID HARRY WENDER**, 30, was also arrested and taken to the detention facility.



**CODY SHANE AWAIS**

W/M Age:26  
120 East Circle  
Powell, TN

**Probation Violation (Warrant)  
Hold For Knox County  
Hold For Sevier County**

Bond = \$10,000.00 + HOLDS



**SAMIR JOSEPH AWAIS**

W/M Age: 23  
120 East Circle  
Powell, TN

**Probation Violation (Warrant)  
Hold For Sevier County**

Bond = \$75,000.00 + HOLD



**KEVIN SCOTT GARNER**

W/M Age: 25  
360 Blacksberry Road  
Knoxville, TN

**Aggravated Assault (6 cts)  
Reckless Endangerment (2 cts)  
Mfg/Del/Sale/Poss Controlled Substance  
Contempt of Court (Warrant)**

Bond = \$53,500.00



**ARTHUR ALLEN BOURDEAU**

W/M Age: 20  
115 East Circle  
Powell, TN

**Misuse of 911  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**

Released on \$4,000.00 Bond



**DAVID HARRY WENDER**

W/M Age: 30  
360 Blacksberry Road  
Knoxville, TN

**Assault (On Officer)  
Disorderly Conduct  
Resisting Arrest**

Released on \$4,250.00 Bond

**CODY AWAIS, SAMIR AWAIS, and GARNER** remain in the Anderson County Detention Facility. All three have prior arrests in Anderson, Knox, and Sevier Counties. Both **BOURDEAU** and **WENDER** have been released on bond. Neither have previous arrests in Anderson County.

No one was injured in the shooting that is believed to be drug related.

The investigation into the possession for resale of marijuana is ongoing. Additional charges may be forthcoming.

Deputies are not sure why **BOURDEAU** made all the anonymous 911 calls about the shooting since he was found with **GARNER** who was apparently the person responsible.

**Sheriff Paul White**