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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Shots Fired

Charleston, WV- On Friday, June 7, 2024, just before 11:00 a.m., Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a disturbance call at 1605 Coonskin Drive in the Charleston area of Kanawha County. Metro 911 received a call about a disturbance between two neighbors that resulted in multiple shots being fired. According to the call, the two neighbors got into a disturbance before one neighbor pulled out a firearm and proceeded to fire approximately three shots.

Deputies arrived to learn the suspect lived on McCubbin Drive adjacent to the Coonskin Drive address and the two neighbors have always been cordial and friendly with each other in the past. Law Enforcement attempted to call the suspect out of the front of his home but were unsuccessful, so additional deputies proceeded to the back of the house where they found the suspect sitting on the back porch. Moments later, the suspect fired approximately two more shots around where the deputies were staged and went back inside the home. The two deputies were forced to take immediate cover and could not safely retreat out of harm's way.

Several backup units including several SWAT Team Operators arrived with KCSO's "Bearcat" (Armored Vehicle) and using the Bearcat they safely removed the pinned-down deputies from the immediate threat area. SWAT Team Operators then directed their efforts to safely remove the suspect from the home as they gave him orders from inside the armored vehicle. The suspect complied with deputies and was taken into custody without any injury to anyone involved or himself.

Chase Jeffrey Nelson, 32 years old of Charleston, West Virginia has been charged with three counts of felony Wanton Endangerment. He is expected to be arraigned in Kanawha County Magistrate Court later this afternoon.

Investigators with KCSO's Criminal Investigative Section are at the McCubbin Drive location processing the scene and are expected to be there for several hours. Additional charges may follow at a later date depending on the outcome of the investigation.



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KCSO would like to thank all the surrounding agencies who assisted. Thanks to the prompt response from everyone and the coordinated efforts, KCSO was able to have the suspect in custody within less than an hour after the initial 911 call was placed. We are thankful that no one was harmed during this incident and as always, the suspect in the case is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. There is no additional threat to the community regarding this incident.



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