



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: May 22, 2017

Complaint Number: 17-223955

Incident Type: Double Shooting

Investigator: KCSD Major Case Team

Supervisor Approval: Lieutenant Al Roetman

On Monday May 22, 2017, at approximately 0321 hours, the Kent County Sheriff Department (KCSD) responded to the area of M-37 north of Sparta Avenue NW, Sparta Township, on a report of a double shooting.

911 caller(s) reported that two individuals had been shot and were laying on the ground near a stopped vehicle along the roadway in the 9000 block of southbound M-37. The 911 caller reported that the shooting was the result of some type of road rage incident.

Upon KCSD patrol units arriving on scene, they located two male subjects suffering from gunshot wounds near a stopped vehicle. A third male subject was located who stated that he had shot both subjects during a physical altercation. A firearm was recovered from the scene. One male subject was pronounced deceased at the scene and the other was transported to Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital and is listed in critical condition.

A fourth person (female) had fled in a vehicle from the scene but was located a short distance away after she also called 911 to report the shooting. She confirmed that she fled in the vehicle after hearing the gunshots and confirmed she had been with the two subjects that were shot.

Major Case Team Investigators are currently interviewing the alleged male shooter and the female witness at KCSD Headquarters. Both are cooperating with investigators.

The surviving male subject will be interviewed when his medical condition allows investigators to speak with him.

This case remains an active investigation and all subjects involved are accounted for and there is no public danger. An autopsy will be conducted by Kent County Medical Examiners Officer later today to determine an official cause of death. Investigators will present their complete findings to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office to determine if any criminal charges will be brought against any of the subjects involved.

The following subjects are involved:

**Alleged Shooter:** Robert Chipman Jr., 43 years of age, from Newaygo, Michigan.  
Robert possesses a valid Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL)

**Deceased subject:** Donald Dudley, 20 years of age from Bailey, Michigan.

**Injured subject:** Benjamin Dudley, 18 years of age, from Bailey, Michigan

**Witness:** 22 year old female from the City of Wyoming.

**Note:** We are not labeling any parties involved as a suspect or victim until conclusion of the investigation.

Assisting agencies on scene: Michigan State Police, Sparta Fire/Rescue, Kent County Medical Examiners Officer and Rockford Ambulance.

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