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2 Weekend Knife Fights Lead to Multiple Arrests

Two unrelated knife fights occurred during the early morning hours of Sunday, August 2nd. The first incident occurred at approximately 12:45 am in the area of Joyce Kilmer Avenue and Redmond Street. In this incident Brian Powell Jr., Brandon Hutchinson and Alexander Buchman were all injured resulting from the altercation. Brian Powell Jr. (28 years of age from New Brunswick) was stabbed in the back and abdomen while Brandon Hutchinson (21 years of age from Fords, NJ) was stabbed in the chest. Alexander Buchman (19 years of age from Somerset, NJ) received minor lacerations to various parts of his body. The preliminary police investigation suggests an ongoing family dispute led to the fight and subsequent injuries. Specifically, Brian Powell Jr. has been involved in an ongoing dispute with his cousin, Lamar Boyd. Lamar Boyd (21 years of age from New Brunswick) was arrested by New Brunswick police officers as he fled the scene of the knife fight and attempted to get into a parked vehicle. When arrested, Lamar Boyd was found to have blood on his clothing and a knife was recovered nearby. The investigation has shown that Lamar Boyd, Alexander Buchman, and two other individuals attacked Brian Powell Jr. and Brandon Hutchinson. As the struggle ensued the three previously mentioned individuals were injured. All three were treated at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for their non-life threatening injuries. Alexander Buchman was arrested at the hospital for his involvement in the attack. Lamar Boyd and Alexander Buchman are charged with Attempted Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder. New Brunswick Police detectives are actively pursuing leads on the other two suspects and expect to issue more charges related to the same.

The second incident occurred at approximately 3:00 am in the area of Central Avenue and Louis Street. In this incident Khalil Howard (20 years of age from Hi-Nella, NJ) received a laceration across his shoulder when he was attacked by Myles Sonii (18 years of age from Franklin Park, NJ). The preliminary police investigation suggests that a verbal argument ensued
between Howard and Sonii and escalated when Sonii pulled a knife on Howard and slashed his shoulder. Both individuals were on scene when police arrived and Myles Sonii was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon.

Anyone with information on either incident is asked to contact Detective Brandon Epstein at (732) 745-5217.

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