



## *Morgantown Police Department*

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### **UPDATE**

#### **“19 Charged Following Numerous Neighborhood Complaints”**

At approximately 1:24 am on November 6, 2014, Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to the Southpark Neighborhood for numerous reports of a large crowd of individuals running through the neighborhood, screaming, yelling and engaging in disorderly conduct. When officers arrived on scene they encountered 19 individuals in various states of intoxication, all of whom were arrested or issued criminal citations.

A continued investigation into the incident revealed that members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity chartered Boomer's Nightclub at 228 Walnut Street for a Social Gathering where the 19 underage individuals and others attended. It is alleged that while at the nightclub all of the pledges consumed alcoholic beverages and were to meet at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House for a pre-planned team building exercise.

As part of the team building exercise, the 19 underage pledges were transported by active members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and were deposited in the Southpark Neighborhood with instructions to the pledges to find their way back to the Fraternity House. The actual members left the pledges alone and unsupervised, which led to the 19 pledges interaction with the Police Department.

The Sigma Chi Fraternity acknowledged their involvement with the incident and has been very cooperative with the Morgantown Police Department during the investigation. Following the conclusion of the investigation the below listed individuals that were responsible for organizing the event and driving the pledges into the Southpark neighborhood were identified and issued Criminal Citations for Hazing with a court date to be determined by the Monongalia County Magistrates Court.

Alec MANDICH, 21 years of age of Indianapolis IN  
Gillian BOWEN, 24 years of age of Charleston WV  
Connor McCAFFERY, 21 years of age of Richmond VA  
Garrick DAVIS, 20 years of age of Crofton MD  
Shane BOYCE, 20 years of age of California MD  
Michael McKENNA, 20 years of age of Huntington Valley PA (Pending)

Additionally, complaints regarding the service of alcohol to underage individuals have been referred to the WV Alcohol Beverage Control Commission.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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