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## NEWS RELEASE For Immediate Release

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### Stabbing on High Street near Karma

This press release is a follow-up to a release by First Sergeant Knight given earlier today.

At approximately 3:15 am, this date, Morgantown Police Officers responded to a disturbance which began on High Street in front of Karma. The disturbance traveled across the street, continued up Walnut Street, and ended near Spruce. Officers arriving on scene observed a black male, wearing a blood-soaked shirt, staggering up Walnut Street. (Officers would later discover that this individual was the victim of a stabbing which had just occurred on High Street). Standing nearby was another black male holding a handgun. This individual, later identified as Patrick Beam, 20, ran from the scene and was pursued and arrested by officers. He was charged with Brandishing a Deadly Weapon, Fleeing from an Officer, and Underage Consumption of Alcohol.

The stabbing victim, identified as Juan Guerra, Jr, 20, was transported to Ruby Hospital for treatment. Guerra underwent surgery for his injuries and is currently listed in stable condition. The individual suspected in the stabbing was described only as a white male wearing a black T-shirt.

This incident is being investigated by the Morgantown Police Department Detective Division. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Morgantown Police Department at 304-284-7522

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime 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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