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“Fast Police Response to Stabbing Results in Two Arrests”

At 3:58 am this date, officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to 126 South Walnut Street for a stabbing. Approximately two minutes later, another officer located the suspect on Walnut Street. The investigation revealed that the victim; John Alexander Williams, a 20 year old WVU student from Beckley, West Virginia; and the suspect; Corey Houston White, a 21 year old former WVU student also from Beckley; were socializing with friends and had a disagreement that led to a fight around the driveway. Corey White then stabbed John Williams with a knife in his upper abdomen. It appeared that he was stabbed once.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that Corey White had also held the knife to the neck of another victim just before the fight ensued. Deanna Janelle Cristantiello, a 20 year old from Clifton, New Jersey, was not injured in that attack.

John Williams was treated at the scene by members of the Morgantown Fire Department and Monongalia County EMS. He was transported by EMS to Ruby Memorial Hospital. It is believed that he sustained a non-life threatening injury.

Corey White was arrested and charged with Malicious Wounding and Attempted Malicious Wounding. Jonathan Stephen Serino; a 21 year old WVU student from Cool Ridge, West Virginia; was with Corey White when he was located by the officer. He refused to comply with investigative efforts and withheld potential evidence. Jonathan Serino was arrested and charged with Obstructing an Officer and Public Intoxication. They were taken to the Monongalia Prisoner Processing Center to await arraignment in magistrate court. This incident is still under investigation. Anyone with information about it should call the Morgantown Police Department.

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 the Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at [\(304\) 284-7522](tel:3042847522). If you need immediate police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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