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Media Advisory

WPD Arrest Man in Shooting that Injured 2-year-old Girl

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) has arrested an 18-year-old male in connection with a shooting that injured a 2-year-old girl on Wednesday at a playground in the 3800 block of east Ross Parkway.

At approximately 10:15 p.m. on Thursday, Officers arrested the man and booked him into jail on charges of aggravated battery and aggravated assault.

On Thursday, WPD Chief Gordon Ramsay expressed outrage about the incident involving the 2-year-old girl and the lack of cooperation from the parents. He asked for the community's help in solving the crime.

Tips from the community and follow-up by the WPD Violent Crimes Community Response Team led to the arrest.

The WPD continues to investigate the case as well as a shooting that injured a seven-month-old on Tuesday in the 2400 block of north Chautauqua. Residents who have information on either case, should call Crime Stoppers at 316-267-2111 or WPD Detectives at 316-268-4407.

In the shooting involving the two-year-old girl, Officers responded to a call at approximately 8 p.m. on Tuesday in 3800 block of East Ross Park Way, the Planeview neighborhood. The girl was shot in the foot while at a playground. A suspect inside a white Impala fired several rounds into the playground while the vehicle was driving in the wrong lane on Ross Park Way. The 26-year-old father of the girl grabbed the child and ran to a nearby apartment complex and then took the girl to a local emergency room.

The case number is 18C053133