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ARREST OF JUSTIN TYRAN ROBERTS B/M/39

On Friday, June 11, 2021 at approximately 2015 hours, Phenix City Police Department responded to a shooting at the Courtyard by Marriott located at 1400 Whitewater Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon arrival, they learned that an individual was shot multiple times and was transported to Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital for treatment. This incident was witnessed by multiple individuals. The witnesses described the shooter as a black male.

On Friday, June 11, 2021 at approximately 2215 hours, Columbus Police Department responded to 1032 Broadway in regards to a shooting. Upon arrival it was learned that there were three victims of the shooting. All three victims were transported, two by ambulance and one by private vehicle with non-life threatening injuries. Witnesses described the shooter as a black male wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 at approximately 1404 hours, Columbus Police Department responded to 3rd Avenue and 4th Street in regards to a shooting. Upon arrival, it was learned that there was one victim of this shooting. The victim was transported to Piedmont Columbus Regional by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. The victim described the shooter as black male with a white shirt wrapped around his face.

Members of the Columbus Police Department immediately organized a search for the suspect at which time the Uptown area was saturated with officers to include one of our K-9 Units. At 1610 hours, the suspect, Justin Roberts, was located and taken into custody without incident. Roberts was transported to the CPD Robbery/ Assault Unit where he was interviewed by Detectives Michael O'Keefe and LaBrandon Lockhart.

Roberts was then transported to the Muscogee County Jail on the following charges:

- Aggravated Assault**
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime**
- Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon**
- Theft by Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm)**

with a Records Court Preliminary Hearing at set for **Monday, June 14, 2021, at 0900 hours.**



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Additional Warrants will be obtained for the following:

- Aggravated Assault (3 counts)**
- Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Crime**
- Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon**