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Media Release

Date/Time of Release: 07/26/2022 3:00PM

Date of Incident Occurrence: 06/26/2022

Nature of Event: Shots Fired

Location of Event Occurrence: 288 Genesee St

Media Release Written By: Investigator Charles Augello

On June 26th, 2022, at around 0230 hours, Auburn Police responded to the area of the Lavish Lounge for a shots fired incident. Upon police arrival they located and identified a 24 year old female, Ciara Kukiela, who had been shot multiple times. Police provided immediate medical care until medical responders arrived, and Kukiela was subsequently transported to Upstate Hospital where she has since been released from after suffering serious injuries.

Through investigative efforts, police were able to determine that an argument outside the bar led to two subjects firing handguns at each other, and Kukiela was an innocent bystander who was hit after being caught in the crossfire. One of those subjects was identified by police as Antoine T. Clark, a parolee originally from the Rochester area and with a parole address in Rochester. Police later determined that Clark was frequenting an address on Owasco Street in Auburn.

On 07/25/2022, Officers from the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force witnessed Clark getting into a vehicle on Owasco Street. A traffic stop was performed shortly later and Clark was taken into custody after a brief struggle. At that time Clark was charged by the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force for a large quantity of drugs and a loaded 9mm handgun that they recovered from Clark.

At this time Clark has additionally been charged for his role in the shots fired incident that occurred outside of the Lavish Lounge on 06/26/2022. Clark is currently remanded to the Cayuga County Jail on the charges that were lodged by the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force, and he will be arraigned on the charges from the Lavish Lounge incident at a later time. Clark's charges from the Lavish Lounge incident are listed on the following page.

The Detective Bureau would like to thank the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force and Auburn Police Department Patrol Division for their efforts in capturing Clark.

Anyone with information regarding the incident at the Lavish Lounge is asked to contact Investigator Augello at (315)258-9880, or by email at <u>craugello@auburnny.gov</u>. Please be reminded that all calls can remain confidential.

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- Arrested: Antoine T. Clark DOB 12/22/1983 71 Owasco St Auburn, NY 13021
- Charges (3): 1 Ct Criminal Use of a Firearm In the First Degree Penal Law 265.09(1a), B Felony

1 Ct Assault in the First Degree Penal Law 120.10(1), B Felony

1 Ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree Penal Law 265.03(3), C Felony

