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## Clinton Police Department Press Release

Clinton Police Department responded to 410 Byrd Street on August 30, 2016 at approximately 11:30 pm reference to a shooting. Officers found 2 persons at the scene that had sustained gunshot wounds. They were identified as 27 year old Mario Oates whose listed residence is 422 Trappers Run Lane in Clinton and 26 year old Lodell Maurice Bolton whose listed address is 203 Shamrock Drive in Clinton. Oates was transported to Wake Medical and Bolton was taken to Sampson Regional Medical Center.

Two additional victims were taken to Sampson Regional Medical Center by privately own vehicles prior to uniform officers arriving at the scene. They were identified as 24 year old Michael Jamal Oates of 422 Trappers Run Lane, Clinton and 21 year old Tyreek Da'Sha Melvin of 300 Shield Street in Clinton. Both these victims had sustained gunshot wounds. Oates was airlifted to Wake Medical and Melvin was airlifted to UNC Hospital.

Preliminary information indicated that the shooting occurred during an altercation between the victims. The Clinton Police Neighborhood Improvement Team was called to the scene and began investigating the shooting.

On November 26, 2016, Tyrek Melvin was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and discharging a weapon within the City limits. He was also served with an unrelated outstanding warrant for False Imprisonment. He was given a \$130,000 secured bond and has a first appearance on December 2, 2016.

This case is still under investigation and additional arrests are expected. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Clinton Police at 910-592-3105. Citizens may also provide information using the anonymous texting service, CPD TIP411 by texting "tipcpd" and the tip to 847411.