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Dogwood Circle Shooting

On August 18, 2019, around 6:27 PM officers with the Clinton Police Department responded to call in reference to shots fired at Dogwood Circle. While in route, officers observed a vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed and driving reckless. They attempted to stop the vehicle and were able to follow it as it traveled to Sampson Regional Medical Center. Other officers continued to Dogwood Circle where they learned at least three individuals had been driven to the hospital with gunshot wounds. Sampson County Sheriff's Deputies assisted with securing both the hospital and the crime scene at Dogwood Circle. Investigators with the Clinton Police Department and the SBI were called to the scene.

While the investigation is still ongoing details gathered so far indicate the individuals involved in the shooting have had an ongoing dispute. The altercation began when Kiara Torres 25, of Wedgewood Lane Clinton, Carlos Rivera 19, of Ruby Lane Clinton, and Malian Rivera 41, also of Ruby Lane got into a verbal altercation that became physical. Reportedly, Carlos and Kiara had been in a relationship. Anny Alvarado, 29 a resident of Dogwood and a friend of Kiara Torres attempted to help Torres and was assaulted by Carlos Rivera. Miguel Alamo 34, of Hobpton Hwy is the boyfriend of Alvarado and he attempted to stop Carlos Rivera from assaulting Alvarado.

Reports indicate, Carlos Rivera pulled a handgun during the altercation and fired at Alamo, striking him in the arm. Alamo pulled a handgun and fired back at Carlos Rivera. Hearing the shots, Alvarado, who had been knocked to the ground during the altercation, got to her feet, pulled her handgun, and fired at Carlos Rivera. According to initial reports, Malian Rivera continued to approach Alvarado at which time Alvarado shot Malian Rivera in the chest.

Carlos Rivera, Malian Rivera, and Miguel Alamo all went to Sampson Regional Medical Center separately with gunshot wounds. Medical staff pronounced Carlos Rivera deceased at the hospital Sunday night. Malian Rivera was airlifted from SRMC. Miguel Alamo was treated for nonlife threatening injuries.

All the handguns used in this disturbance have been recovered. Detectives are still investigating this incident and anyone with information is asked to contact the Clinton Police Department at 910-592-3105. They may also provide anonymous tips through our tipline 910-590-3009 or by texting their tip to 847411, starting each tip with tipcpd, or through the tipcpd app available for apple and android devices.