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# Press Release

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The Des Moines Police Department has made an arrest in an overnight stabbing incident.

On 20 June 2024, at approximately 4:39 a.m., Des Moines Police Department patrol officers and Des Moines Fire Department rescue personnel responded to 2212 Merle Hay Road to investigate a report of a large juvenile dispute.

While responding, additional 911 calls from the neighborhood reported a possible assault and gunfire heard in the vicinity of the dispute.

First responders arrived to find several apparent juveniles involved in a dispute. Further investigation nearby found a stabbing victim in the 2100 block of 60th Street. Evidence indicated that the stabbing incident occurred near the apartments at 2212 Merle Hay Road.

The patient, a 17-year-old male was transported to a local hospital for treatment. His injury is minor and he is expected to recover.

A suspect in the stabbing was taken into custody during this investigation. He initially provided officers with a false name and date of birth. Further investigation found him to be 18-year-old Des Moines resident Demar Kantrell Jones. He has been charged with the following offenses:

- Assault Causing Serious Injury (Class D Felony)
- Harassment Of A Public Official (Simple Misdemeanor)

At this time, no evidence of gunfire has been identified or located by investigators.

Des Moines Police Department detectives continue this investigation. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available for release.

Sgt. Paul Parizek