

Shots fired on Aero Drive, police investigate

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Cheektowaga Police investigate a shots fired call on Aero Drive July 2, 2017. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. – Cheektowaga Police say five people were arrested and charged after police responded to a “shots fired” incident on Aero Drive.

Assistant Chief of Police Jim Speyer tells Cheektowaga Chronicle officers were in the area of Tryst Gentleman’s Club around 3 a.m. As a large number of people were exiting the club, the officers heard shots fired.

“A car was peeling away at a high rate of speed, and the officer stopped the car. There were five males in the car, and one of them had a laceration to his face and thought that he had been shot in the face,” said Assistant Chief Speyer.

An ambulance from American Medical Response responded to the scene, and EMS workers evaluated the 23-year-old man. They found that a piece of glass cut him and had become lodged in his cheek. He did not go to the hospital.

Police cordoned off the area with crime-scene tape and begun an investigation.

"We did find shell casings at the scene and found two handguns with the car," added Assistant Chief Speyer.

The five occupants of the car were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

Arrested were Buffalo residents, Terry Mims, 29, of Dignity Circle; Damone Cannon, 28, of Wyoming Avenue; Loren Williams, 23, of East Ferry Street; Lawrence Highsmith, 29, of Brinkman Avenue; and Joseph Craig, 27, of Leonard Drive.

Assistant Chief Speyer said investigators found a bullet hole in the car with the two guns. No shooting victims sought treatment from any nearby hospitals.

Cheektowaga Police returned to the scene around 9 a.m. Sunday morning. They were seen driving through nearby parking lots including Tryst Gentleman's Club and Student Transportation of America.

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Assistant Chief Speyer tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that police officers were in the area of the club because officers responded to a false call of someone getting hurt earlier in the night.