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Pemberton Man Charged in Willingboro Double Shooting

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Willingboro Township Acting Public Safety Director Captain Ian Bucs announced that a Pemberton Township man has been charged with shooting into a Willingboro residence earlier this year, injuring a woman and a toddler.

Sylas Young, 19, of the Sunbury Village section of Pemberton Township, was charged with four counts of Aggravated Assault (two Second Degree and two Third Degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (Second Degree) and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree).

Young was served with the warrant inside the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly, where he is being held on unrelated charges. The Prosecutor's Office will prepare the case for presentation to a grand jury for possible indictment.

The investigation began after officers from the Willingboro Township Police Department were called to the first block of Baldwin Lane during the early morning hours of April 29 for a report of shots fired.

Upon arrival, they discovered that a 24-year old woman had been struck in the lower leg by gunfire and a 2-year-old boy had been grazed across his buttocks. Both were taken to Cooper University Hospital in Camden for treatment.

The investigation revealed that the shooting stemmed from a long-running dispute between Young and his associates from Pemberton Township and a group of residents from the Buckingham Park section of Willingboro. The shooting remains under investigation.

The investigation is being conducted by the Willingboro Township Police Department and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. The lead investigators are WTPD Detective James Benedict and BCPO Detective Sean Tait.

All persons are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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