



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Date:** May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Location:** 3730 Engle Rd., Circle K

**Time:** approximately 6:25 p.m.

### Details/Summary:

On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, around 6:25 p.m., officers with the Fort Wayne Police Department (FWPD) were dispatched to 3730 Engle Rd., The Circle K gas station, in reference to a disturbance. Shortly thereafter, the call was upgraded to a strong-arm robbery. Witnesses provided officers with a detailed description of the suspect vehicle, as well as the direction of travel. An Indiana State Police (ISP) trooper located the vehicle, and a traffic stop was initiated with assistance from FWPD officers.

According to the store employee, five individuals (three females and two males) entered the business together. One of the females approached the employee and began to throw items at the employee. The same female allegedly damaged register equipment and a kiosk inside the store. The five suspects subsequently assaulted the employee, causing apparent injuries. During the assault, one of the male suspects reportedly took merchandise from the store without paying and then continued the assault of the employee. Initial estimates indicate approximately \$15,000 in damage was caused to the convenience store of the gas station.

This incident is being investigated by the FWPD and Allen County Prosecutor's Office. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Fort Wayne Police Department at (260) 427-1222, call Crime Stoppers at (260) 436-7867, or submit an anonymous tip through the P3 Tips app.

The following individuals were preliminary arrested in connection with the incident:

**Devon E. Stewart**, (male black, 31-year-old): Robbery Resulting in Bodily Injury (Level 3 Felony), Battery resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury (Level 6 Felony), and Disorderly Conduct (Class B Misdemeanor)

**Denise V. Williams** (female black, 27-year-old): Battery resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury (Level 6 Felony), Disorderly Conduct (Class B Misdemeanor), and Criminal Conversion (Class A Misdemeanor)

**Christopher A. Harris** (male black, 30-year-old): Battery resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury (Level 6 Felony) and Disorderly Conduct (Class B Misdemeanor)

**Denasia V Williams** (female black, 22-year-old): Battery resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury (Level 6 Felony), Disorderly Conduct (Class B Misdemeanor), Criminal Mischief (Class A Misdemeanor)

**Shaniya E. Arnold** (female black, 21-year-old): Battery resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury (Level 6 Felony), Disorderly Conduct (Class B Misdemeanor), and False Identity Statement (Class A Misdemeanor)

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