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### **Review Concluded in Walnut Street Disturbance**

Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams concluded his review of the large disturbance that occurred in front of 220 W. Walnut in the early morning hours of October 30, 2011. After reviewing eyewitness accounts, police reports, use of force reports and arrest reports, he has concluded that officers acted appropriately and used proper levels of force in order to make arrests and keep the disturbance from growing.

The disturbance began at 1:20 a.m. on October 30th, when officers were called to a fight near 220 W. Walnut. As officers were attempting to detain the fighting subjects, patrons of Club Fresh began exiting the club and surrounded the officers, creating an immediate danger to their safety. As arriving officers were attempting to move people away from the officers making arrests, subjects began assaulting the officers by shoving and punching.

There were only three uses of force on three suspects: 1) a baton strike to the thigh of a suspect charging an officer 2) OC pepper spray used on a female who was shoving an officer and 3) and a tasing of a suspect who was punching and shoving an officer.

Seven individuals were arrested, and one is being cited for the following respective charges:

1. Simon Kazempour-Resisting or Obstructing a Police Officer
2. Ventrell Collins-Resisting or Obstructing a Police Officer.
3. Brandi Scott-Resisting or Obstructing a Police Officer.
4. Brenisha Scott-Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.
5. Tiyus Kellybrew-Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.
6. Byron Brandon-Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.
7. Quinton Vann-Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.
8. Female (identity cannot yet be disclosed)-summons pending for Resisting or Obstructing a Police Officer.

At no time did officers destroy or seize any cameras, nor did any of the suspects require hospitalization. Injuries were minor consisting of abrasions and a taser probe to the suspect(s), and an officer with an abrasion/cut hand. Any cell phones/cameras that were in the possession of anyone at the time of their arrest, were logged into their personal property at the jail and were given to them upon release.

Chief Williams will investigate any complaints of officer misconduct, however as of this date, there have been no formal complaints made to the Department's Internal Affairs Unit.

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