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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
April 15, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-031126

Date/Time Occurred: 04/14/2020 at 8:53 PM

Type of Incident: Attempted Murder, Home Invasion,
Resisting Arrest with Force of Violence, Possession of
a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug
Paraphernalia, Assault on a Police K-9

Location: Linwood/Noble

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Newton, Keenan Ray
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Yes

Details: On April 14, 2020 at 8:53 PM, officers were dispatched to the area of Linwood and Noble for a report of an assault that had just occurred. As officers were investigating this initial complaint, a second report of an assault with a deadly weapon was reported on the 3700 block of West Myrtle with the same suspect description. Officers located the suspect, Keenan Ray Newton, a short distance away. Officers attempted to detain Newton and he was combative. Officers used a Taser which had little to no effect on Newton. A police K-9 was deployed and Newton continued to be combative by punching and kicking the police K-9. After Newton was taken into custody he was still combative and uncooperative. Newton was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment.

Detectives assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene. Through their investigation it was determined Newton entered a residence where he attacked two persons not known to him, with a large stick causing injuries to both victims.

Newton has a prior criminal history which includes convictions for assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a police officer, domestic violence and is currently on AB 109 probation for possession of a firearm.



Newton was arrested for attempted murder, home invasion, resisting arrest with force or violence, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and assault on a police canine.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Verissimo

