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THREE INJURED IN WEEKEND STABBING

On February 24, 2019 at approximately 6:45 P.M., Effingham Police Department Bureau of Communications was notified of a fight with injuries that had just occurred between multiple individuals in the 600th block of Edgar. Bureau of Patrol Officers arrived on scene to find one male subject who had sustained knife wounds.

While investigating, Officers were advised that HSHS St. Anthony's Hospital had received two additional stab wound patients. Throughout the course of the initial investigation, Officers were able to determine there were five males (four adults and one juvenile) involved in the altercation.

Bureau of Criminal Investigations Detectives are continuing to interview all parties and witnesses. No arrests have been made at this time as the investigation is on-going. Motives for the fight are currently being explored. All three victims who sustained injuries were treated at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. Illinois State Police Crime Scene Unit is assisting the Department.

Chief Jeffrey Fuesting praised the swift response of Officers, "Patrol Officers arrived on scene within a minute of being dispatched and were able to gather enough information to determine immediately that this was an isolated incident and there was no additional threat to the neighborhood or community. As our Detectives continue to gather facts, we encourage anyone with additional information to contact our Department or Crimestoppers."

If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIMESTOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.