



Man was transferred to Wichita hospital in serious condition, 3 teens arrested

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A man and a teenage girl were injured during a shooting in the early hours of Friday morning in Liberal, according to a statement released Friday by Liberal Police Capt. Patrick McClurg.

“At about 2:10 a.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting victim in the 100 block of West Walnut,” McClurg noted. “Responding officers located a 24-year-old male and a 17-year-old female with apparent injuries.”

Both victims were taken to Southwest Medical Center, but McClurg said the man was seriously wounded.

“The male was subsequently transported to Wesley Medical Center in serious condition,” he said.

“Investigators learned that two armed males confronted the male victim at the door to his residence,” McClurg continued. “The male victim began to struggle with one of the suspects and was shot. The female victim sustained minor injuries as a result of the shooting.”

McClurg said officers also suspected the cause of the confrontation.

“Evidence located at the scene suggests the shooting was drug related,” he noted.

One 15-year-old boy was “apprehended without incident,” he reported, but authorities began looking for a second suspect identified as Emmanuel Goytia.

“Goytia is 17 years old,” McClurg noted. “He is about 5-feet, 8-inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. Goytia has a mole on his left cheek near the jaw line.”

His whereabouts were unknown Friday morning.

Later in the day, however, McClurg notified the media that police had arrested two additional teenagers.

“At about 4:30 p.m., two additional suspects were apprehended in Plains,” McClurg said. “The suspects, a 17-year-old male and a 15-year-old male, were apprehended without incident with the assistance of the Meade County Sheriff’s Department, Seward County Sheriff’s Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Man, teenage girl shot early Friday morning

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“No other suspects are being sought in connection with this incident at this time; however, the investigation is ongoing,” McClurg added.

Police are asking anyone that may have information regarding this shooting to call LPD at 626-0150 or the Crime Hotline at 624-4000.