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## PRESS RELEASE

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On November 2, 2012, Knox County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 717 Knox Road 2300 E in reference to shots having been fired.

On Deputies arrival, VAWTER, Nicholas (resident of 717 Knox Road 2300 E) stated he had been involved in an altercation and had discharged "warning" shots. The second subject involved in the altercation is ELLIOTT, Brian. The investigation revealed the following.

VAWTER was attending a party with his girlfriend and learned ELLIOTT was coming to the party to cause a problem with VAWTER who is dating ELLIOTT's ex-girlfriend. VAWTER departed the party and returned to his residence. At the residence, VAWTER heard a vehicle coming down the road and assumed it to be ELLIOTT. VAWTER then grabbed a shotgun and three shells and went to the garage. The vehicle stopped and ELLIOTT got out of the vehicle and began yelling for VAWTER to fight him. ELLIOTT got back in his vehicle at which time VAWTER discharged the shotgun two times into the air. ELLIOTT then backed his vehicle up at which time VAWTER discharged the shotgun a third time, striking the rear tail light. ELLIOTT exited the vehicle and he and VAWTER began fighting. While fighting, ELLIOTT put VAWTER in a "choke hold" and VAWTER was able to remove a pocket knife from his pant pocket and stabbed ELLIOTT in the calve area, ELLIOTT than departed. The shotgun, spent shell casings and knife were recovered from the scene.



ELLIOTT was later located at his residence by Deputies. The following individuals were arrested:

- VAWTER, Nicholas S., DOB 04/13/92 of 717 Knox Road 2300 E, Yates City, Illinois is charged with;
  1. Aggravated battery
  2. Aggravated discharge of a firearm
  3. Illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor
- ELLIOTT, Brian D., DOB 04/03/94 of 24420 Farmington Road, Farmington, Illinois is charged with;
  1. Aggravated battery

Both are currently in custody at the Knox County Jail awaiting court appearance. At this time, the investigation continues.