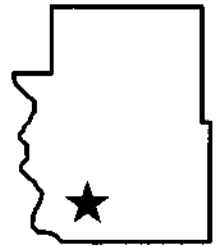




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### Juveniles Charged with Conspiracy to Commit Murder

Bismarck, ND—On July 29, 2018 at 12:41 AM, the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department received a report of an Aggravated Assault that had occurred in southern Burleigh County in an area known as McLean Bottoms. The initial report indicated that three individuals went to McLean Bottoms and while there, an adult was struck in the head with a baseball bat by a juvenile. Deputies investigating this incident were able to locate the juvenile that was identified as the one that had struck the other individual and that person was initially cited with Aggravated Assault.

Later that morning, deputies received additional information indicating that the assault was part of a planned event with juveniles self-identifying as a gang association. Deputies have conducted multiple interviews and executed multiple search warrants as part of the investigation. As a result of the additional information obtained as part of the investigation, the initial suspect along with two other juveniles have been cited for Conspiracy to Commit Murder. All three juveniles were transported to the Youth Correctional Center in Mandan, ND. The investigation is continuing and additional charges are pending. The juveniles are currently under the jurisdiction of Burleigh County Juvenile Court.

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