

On 12-4-2022 at 16:08 hours, Polk County 911 received a call in reference to a shooting that had occurred at 2711 Esom Hill Road. As the patrol division arrived on scene they made contact with Adam Griffin, who had been shot. There was a witness, Crick Fincher, on scene that was present for the incident. Patrol officers immediately provided aid while waiting for EMS.

During this, Wesley Garmon called Polk 911 also. Wesley advised that he had been attacked at 2711 Esom Hill Road. Wesley stated that his neighbor had called asking him to come over and talk to him about a trespassing issue that occurred earlier in the day. When Wesley arrived, a male came out of the front door of the residence pointing a shotgun at his head. Wesley ended up in a physical struggle with Adam Griffin on the ground. Wesley fired shots from a handgun to get away.

When EMS arrived, Adam's care was turned over to them. Patrol officers secured the crime scene and contacted the Criminal Investigations Division. Polk County Police processed the crime scene gathering all of the evidence that was present such as shell casings, firearms, clothing, etc. Crick and Wesley were interviewed multiple times during the investigation.

Crick told investigators that his friend, Adam Griffin, called him upset because a man pointed a gun at family members earlier in the day. Adam was looking for the male. When Crick arrived home he observed Adam Griffin standing in front of his house holding a shotgun in one hand and a beer can in the other.

By this time Adam had identified the male he was looking for as Wesley Garmon. Adam and Crick could hear Wesley cutting wood outside at his residence. Adam told Crick that he wanted to walk through the woods and confront Wesley while he was outside. Crick stated that Adam was angry and he had never seen Adam that way. Adam began walking through the woods towards the back of Wesley Garmon's residence. At 15:58 hours EST, a camera that is on Wesley Garmon's property obtains a photograph of Adam and Crick. Adam is leading the way, heading towards the back of Wesley's residence. Adam is holding a shotgun in his right hand and what appears to be a beer can in his left. Crick stated that he convinced Adam to turn back and return to 2711 Esom Hill Road.

Crick tells Adam he will call Wesley and have him come speak to them on neutral ground. Crick says that Adam promised to only speak with Wesley about the incident earlier in the day and that he would not involve the shotgun. Crick obtains Wesley's phone number and they speak via telephone. Crick asked Wesley to come by so they can talk. Wesley agrees to go to 2711 Esom Hill Road. At 16:05 hours EST, the same trail camera takes a photo of Wesley walking towards 2711 Esom Hill Road.

When Wesley arrives, he is greeted by Crick. Crick is standing facing away from his front door and Wesley is standing facing the front door of the residence. While the two are shaking hands, Adam charges out of the front door with the shotgun shouldered and aimed at Wesley. Crick stated that he saw Wesley's eyes get big and the look on his face changed. Crick then sees the barrel of the shotgun come over his shoulder beside his head and it's pointed at Wesley. Adam is screaming at Wesley.

Wesley then pulls out a handgun. The two end up in a physical struggle on the ground. Adam had Wesley in a choke hold from the rear. Wesley states that he fires multiple shots from his handgun in self-defense until Adam releases him. Once Wesley gets to his feet he runs away back towards his residence. The trail camera obtains a photo of Wesley running towards his house with a cell phone in his

left hand and blood on his right hand. That photo was taken at 16:07 hours EST. This shows that the altercation lasted less than two minutes.

Wesley called 911 and advised the dispatcher what had occurred. Wesley drove to the end of his driveway, secured the handgun that was used, and waited for the police.