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The Warrick County Sheriff's Office is reviewing multiple incidents that occurred near Pecan Lane in Newburgh on October 1 and October 2.

On October 2, deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance and fight involving multiple parties and family members. The Office is aware that a brief video (approximately 10 seconds) has been published depicting Warrick County Sheriff's deputies attempting to control and arrest a 14-year-old juvenile male during that incident. The Sheriff's Office is interviewing deputies, reviewing written reports of the incident, and reviewing body camera video. Preliminary inquiries do not reveal any serious injury to anyone involved in the incident, including the juvenile male and the officers involved in his arrest.

From this preliminary review—and an internal investigation that is as yet incomplete—it is clear that the brief 10-second excerpt published online does not provide a full account of the incident. Such selective publication of a brief excerpt of such an incident without either video of events leading to the arrest or depicting its aftermath often result in misleading the viewer. It is important to have a full picture of what happened from multiple sources. The review to date reveals that the juvenile engaged in aggressive conduct, ignored multiple police demands to leave the area, and made physical contact with multiple officers at the scene. Restraining the juvenile required the efforts of multiple officers over a period of approximately two minutes. The juvenile was detained and removed from the incident in officer custody.

The investigation is ongoing. Deputies arrested one adult for disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and resisting law enforcement. Two juveniles were arrested on multiple charges stemming from the incident, including resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, among other charges.

Sheriff Michael K. Wilder