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Three Portland Men Arrested Sunday After Armed Dispute at Local Bar

Eugene Police arrested three Portland men early Sunday morning, February 23, after an armed dispute at Studio 44 Bar, 44 E. 7th Avenue.

At 1:55 a.m., as patrons were leaving the bar after a concert, officers were dispatched to the dispute. The initial information indicated security guards at the location were involved in a physical dispute with multiple subjects, and that at least one subject, Joquan Alfred Pennington, age 23, was armed with a handgun that fell out during the dispute. The gun was scooped up by a bystander who ran away. Pennington fled on foot, and was soon captured by police. As the officers were patting down Pennington, a large crowd gathered and numerous members yelled expletives at the officers and began approaching closer. The officers put Pennington into the patrol vehicle and left.

A vehicle associated with Pennington was nearby and as officers were apprehending Pennington, the driver, Geontae Brachaurd Jones, age 21, revved the vehicle’s engine and fled the parking lot at a high-rate of speed nearly striking the arresting officers and pedestrians. Eugene Police K-9 officers eventually located the vehicle unoccupied near the Amtrak station, and were then able to track, and arrest the driver, and a passenger, DeAnthony Paul Simmons, age 20.

Charges:

PENNINGTON was arrested for Assault in the Third Degree, Criminal Trespass with Firearm, Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, Interfering with a Peace Officer.

JONES was arrested for DUII, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, Elude by Vehicle, Elude by Foot, Criminal Trespass in the First Degree, Interfering with a Peace Officer, and warrants.

SIMMONS was arrested for Interfering with a Peace Officer

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