

## **Brown County Sheriff's Office**



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### **Press Release**

DATE: September 20, 2023

OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT: Sheriff Gordon Ellis

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On September 20, 2023, at approximately 6:29 PM, the Brown County Dispatch Center received a report of an active shooter at 5612 Wahlsburg East Road in Brown County. The first arriving police unit was a Georgetown Police Officer who identified a male subject, later identified as Noah Clifton, date of birth of 08/10/1999, just outside of the residence standing near a vehicle that was running. This individual was ordered to step away from the vehicle which he did. A handgun was observed on the ground near the subject. The subject was taken onto custody without incident.

The Patrol Officer and a Deputy made entry into the home and found two subjects who were suffering from gunshot wounds. A male subject, later identified as Ralph Neff Sr., date of birth of 08/11/1942, was found to have suffered a gunshot wound to the head and had died as a result of this wound. A female subject, later identified as Margaret Neff, date of birth of 11/13/1946, had suffered guns wounds to the chest and abdomen. She was transported from the scene via Air-Care. A male subject, later identified as Zachary Neff, date of birth of 10/18/1992 was located at an adjacent residence. He suffered a gunshot wound to the face and was transported from the scene via Air-Care. The current medical status of Margaret Neff and Zachary Neff is unknown at this time.

Noah Clifton is the Grand-Son of Ralph and Margaret Neff and Zachary Neff is his Cousin.

Noah Clifton is currently being held at the Brown County Jail. He will be charged with one count of murder and two counts of attempted murder. The investigation into this incident is ongoing.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office appreciates the assistance in this investigation provided by the Georgetown Police Department, Mount Orab Police Department, Ohio Highway Patrol, the Brown County Coroner's Office and the Brown County Dispatch Center.