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Shooting in Wilkes County

investigators believe approximately six shots were fired during the incident, but Murray was struck once. Early reports suggested the injury involved the legs, though investigators said they had not confirmed the exact entry point of the wound.

Investigators said the shooting occurred near an apartment and extended into a side yard area where a crowd had gathered. Officials said there was no organized event taking place.

"There was no party or nothing like that that

was going on at the time," Perkins said.

Officials also confirmed juveniles were among those present and said reports indicated adults may have been involved. Perkins estimated attendance at more than 20 people based on video evidence.

Law enforcement said investigators obtained at least one cellphone video tied to the incident.

"It's not a very long video, but it gets the altercation," Perkins said.

Bailey said first responders from multiple agencies worked together

throughout the response.

"Fire rescue, law enforcement — everybody came together, worked well together," Bailey said. "It was a multi-agency response and everyone worked together really well and did a great job because it could have been really bad."

Authorities said they have developed suspects but are not publicly identifying anyone at this time. No arrests or charges were listed in the initial public report.

The investigation remains ongoing.



Residents in Wilkes County turned out on Monday to celebrate Memorial Day. Rep. Rick Allen was on hand as locals gathered to remember those who sacrificed for our freedom. (Photos by Angela Novelli)



The city of Washington has announced the hiring of April Thornton as fleet manager. Thornton brings more than 10 years of progressive leadership experience in warehouse operations, logistics management, inventory control, and team supervision within high-volume manufacturing environments. Throughout her career, she has built a strong reputation for operational excellence, safety compliance, process improvement, and team development. Her experience in logistics coordination, operational reporting, inventory management, and process standardization makes her an excellent addition to the city of Washington team. Her commitment to safety, efficiency, and service will help strengthen and support the city's fleet operations for years to come.



Patient Care Fundamentals students at WWCHS have successfully completed the Patient Care Fundamentals course, completed 24 hours of clinical experience at Pruitt Healthcare of Wilkes, passed the Georgia Nurse Aide written exam for Certified Nursing Assistants and passed the Georgia Nurse Aide skills exam for Certified Nursing Assistants. These students are Camille McAvoy, Makayla Reid, Karen Cabrera, Taylor Walton, Alliyah Darden, Kamryn Miller, Da'Niyah Booker, Hailey Evans, Chloe Coleman and Telysia Wynn.

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