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Capitol Police Arrest Three Following Courthouse Altercation

Delaware Capitol Police arrested a man, a woman and a juvenile today in connection with an altercation that occurred at the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington. As a result of the altercation, a 27-year-old pregnant female and a police officer were injured.

Members of the Steed family, attending the sentencing of three men who were found guilty of manslaughter, were involved in the incident. Members of Steed family began arguing with family and friends of defendant, Charles Ringgold who was sentenced. A melee ensued and members of the Steed family scuffled with police officers as they attempted to intercede between the two groups. Davear Whittle, 21, of New Castle was tasered after he struggled with a Capitol Police officer. The officer was injured while attempting to handcuff Whittle.

During the incident, Brittani Monroe of Wilmington, was allegedly assaulted by Whittle and Heather Steed, 19, of New Castle. Paramedics transported Monroe to Wilmington Hospital.

Whittle and Steed were charged with assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. A juvenile female, related to the Steed family, was also arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Whittle was held on \$6,200 secured bond and transported to Howard Young Correctional Center. Steed was held on \$5,750 secured bond and transported to Baylor Women's Correctional Center. All three defendants were also arraigned on unrelated outstanding capiases. All defendants were given a date to appear in court.

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