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Kentwood Man Charged with Felonious Assault

Kentwood, Michigan – The Kent County Prosecutor’s Office has charged Salim Kadir-Tyler Powell with felonious assault after a June 29 incident where residents on Stauffer Avenue SE reported a man firing at least one shot from a rifle and threatening the neighborhood.

Powell, 24, of Kentwood, has been released on \$20,000 bond from the Kent County Jail to await trial.

On the afternoon of June 29, Powell was arrested by officers from the Kentwood Police Department, who had responded to calls from alarmed residents. During the arrest, Powell was shot once by an officer on the scene after he pointed a firearm at the officer. Prior to this, Powell disregarded repeated commands by the officers to stop and drop his weapon. Powell was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and released for a non-life-threatening wound to the abdomen.

The Kent County Sheriff’s Office has completed its investigation and given their report to the Kent County Prosecutor’s Office. After reviewing the investigation, Kent County Prosecutor Chris Becker stated that the officer had an honest and reasonable belief that the suspect was about to shoot, and he had the right to protect himself and the sergeant before shots were fired. The officer’s actions have been determined to be justified, and he has since returned to full duty.

Video of the incident can be viewed [here](#).

“At the Kentwood Police Department, we sincerely believe we need to earn and have the public’s trust in order to provide the best professional service to our community,” said Chief of Police Richard Roberts. “A large part of maintaining that trust requires we only use force when it is reasonable based on the circumstances of each individual incident.”

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