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DATE: 2/24/2023 SUBJECT: Individual Formally Charged with 11 Counts of Drive-By-Shooting Charges BY: Mattie Hjelseth, Duluth Police Department Public Information Officer

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Vehicle Damage CASE NO.: 23013655 INCIDENT DATE: 2/21/2023 INCIDENT TIME: INCIDENT LOCATION:

Individual Formally Charged with 11 Counts of Drive-By-Shooting Charges

On Tuesday, February 21, Duluth Police Investigators arrested 19-year-old Duluth resident Kristopher Kautz who was charged by the St. Louis County Attorney's Office with 11 counts of Drive-by-Shooting, two counts of Possessing a Machine Gun, and six counts of Possessing a Firearm with no Serial Number.

Kautz was involved in multiple drive-by shootings that resulted in numerous vehicles being damaged in west Duluth from January 28 - 29.

This incident remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Duluth Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit at (218)-730-5050.

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