

Police quell rowdy crowd in Mount Pocono

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MOUNT POCONO — A rowdy crowd taunted and chased police, requiring officers from four departments to get rioting under control Monday night.

Five young men were arrested.

At 11:22 p.m., Pocono Mountain Regional police were dispersing groups from the nearby Mount Pocono carnival and, across the street, investigating a vehicle break-in at Belmont Plaza.

Police found a crowd cursing and blocking traffic on Belmont Avenue. The crowd defied police orders to disperse. One young man tried to incite the group. Officers tried to take him into custody but he pulled away and ran, leading police on a foot chase. The crowd then chased police and interfered with officers arresting the young man. They surrounded police and managed to free one person from custody.

More police units, including some from Pocono Township, Stroud Area Regional and state police, arrived and officers eventually regained control of the crowd.

Jermain Peterkin, 19; Erinn Walker, 18; and Tyshawn Somerville, 21; and two juvenile males, all of Mount Pocono, were charged with rioting, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. The adults were placed in Monroe County Correctional Facility and the juveniles in the Jim Thorpe juvenile detention facility. The adults are scheduled to appear at a future date in Tobyhanna District Court while the juveniles are scheduled to head to Monroe County Juvenile Court.

The chase and riot were preceded by a fight at the carnival as the event was closing for the night.

Waylon Clarke, 24, of Tobyhanna, was punched in the head and had a cut on his face. He was taken to Pocono Medical Center. Police arrested and later released Dheklan John, 21, and Devon John, 27, both of Tobyhanna. Both men were charged with disorderly conduct, banned from the carnival grounds and are scheduled to appear at future dates in Tobyhanna District Court.