

## **Insight will tackle recent violence**

### **Your input is requested as officials discuss shootings**

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MARION - Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns about a recent series of shootings during a local radio program scheduled for tonight.

From 6 to 7 p.m. tonight, top officials from local law enforcement agencies will be discussing the shootings, the most recent of which injured a 4-year-old boy, as well as the impact of violence on the community. That will be the topic of discussion on Marion Insight, a weekly radio program that airs on WDCM 97.5 on Thursdays. Topics of gun violence and drug trafficking will also be on the table for comments and questions.

Those scheduled to attend include Chief Deputy Al Hayden and Lt. Aaron Corwin with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, as well as Lt. B.J. Gruber with the MARMET/METRICH Drug Task Force.

Authorities have said that 4-year-old Ricardo Glover Jr. was watching television in his Patten Street home early Jan. 10 when a bullet fired from a passing vehicle traveled through the wall of the home and struck the boy in the back of the head.

Glover, who was flown by medical helicopter to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, has been improving with a hospital spokeswoman listing him in fair condition as of press time today.

Officials say the Patten Street shooting was the fourth to occur in the county since Dec. 30 and part of an ongoing drug-related feud. In an effort to curb the violence, a joint effort between the Marion Police Department, the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the MARMET/METRICH Drug Task Force was formed to target area residents believed to be involved or have information about the crimes.

Information collected during a countywide sweep of arrest warrants conducted Jan. 10 led to the arrest of 24-year-old Eric Creagh who faces a charge of felonious assault for the Jan. 6 shooting of 26-year-old Samuel Glover. It also led to the identification of a prime suspect in the shooting of Ricardo Glover Jr.

That suspect, who The Marion Star is not identifying as no charges have been filed in regards to the shooting, is in the custody of the Multi-County Correctional Center on another charge, according to police reports. Maj. Bill Collins with the Marion Police Department said detectives are working with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to gather enough evidence to charge the suspect, but he said on Wednesday he is unable to speculate when charges might be filed.

Marion Insight is a weekly radio program co-hosted by non-profit WDCM 97.5 and The Marion Star that airs 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday evenings and addresses community issues. Questions for tonight's Marion Insight show or ideas for future topics may be submitted via e-mail to [insight@radiomarion.com](mailto:insight@radiomarion.com) or by calling 740-387-9326.

Previous episodes are available on the radio station's Web site at [www.radiomarion.com](http://www.radiomarion.com)

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