



# ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **One Shot, Multiple People Injured at Athens Arena**

On 02/25/2018 officers with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department were working off-duty at the Athens Arena (280 Commerce Blvd.) providing security as uniformed police officers for a rap concert. Just after 1:00 am they heard a single gunshot coming from the inside of the building. The music suddenly stopped, and officers observed people running from the building.

Officers cleared the area and located a male with a single gunshot wound to the stomach. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated for his wounds, and released that night. Three other people received non-life threatening injuries while trying to escape the gunfire.

Officers were unable to locate a suspect and were not provided with a description of the suspect(s). It is believed that the gunfire occurred after a fight suddenly broke out on the dance floor. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Sgt. David Norris at 706-613-3330 ext. 556 or david.norris@accgov.com

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