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# Injured Officer back to work after on-duty assault – Officer injured while breaking-up fight at school

The Warren Police Department is excited to announce that an officer injured in the line of duty in April 2024 is returning to full-duty months ahead of schedule. Patrol Officer Krystal Legendre is back to work effective Friday (08/02/2024) at the Warren Police Department.

On 04/22/2024, Officer Legendre and several other officers responded to a large fight at Lincoln High School. Officers arrived on scene and went to place an adult male under arrest. During the arrest of this male, a juvenile female interjected herself into the arrest scene and began to assault Officer Legendre. A juvenile female suspect struck Officer Legendre in the head from behind which caused Officer Legendre to fall to the ground. Multiple other responding officers arrived on scene and placed the suspects under arrest. Officer Legendre was transported to an area hospital wherein she remained hospitalized for approximately 2 weeks before being released. Ultimately, 18-year-old Danasia Kennedy-Johnson of Eastpointe, 18-year-old Xavier Jones of Warren, and a 17-year-old juvenile female from Eastpointe were charged with several felonies for their role in this incident. All 3 suspects' cases are still pending in Macomb County Circuit Court.

Officer Legendre suffered a concussion and bulging cervical disc in the neck from this incident. Officer Legendre underwent spinal surgery to replace the cervical disk in her spine. Officer Legendre spent time rehabilitating which included 6 weeks in a cervical collar, re-learning how to do simple tasks like walking and lifting small items, and two months of physical therapy several times a week to regain the strength return to full duty. After several medical evaluations, Officer Legendre was medically cleared to return to work today (08/02/2024), months ahead of what she and the Department had originally anticipated. Officer Legendre is a 3-year veteran of the Police Department, a Warren resident herself, and a previously served for several years as a volunteer member of Warren's Community Emergency Response Team prior to joining the Warren Police Department. Officer Legendre is eager and excited to return to work and start patrolling Warren neighborhoods yet again.

Acting Police Commissioner Charles Rushton stated that "the men and women of the Warren Police Department are a family. Any time one of our family members gets injured, we are all affected. Initially, none of us believed Officer Legendre would be able to return to work in such a quick amount of time given the type of injuries she suffered during this senseless assault. The fact that Officer Legendre was hospitalized trying to break-up a fight at a high school shows the potential dangers officers face every day. I know that I, along with every member of this Department, am excited to see Officer Legendre and welcome her back to work."

Officer Legendre added that “I am excited to be returning to the job I love to do. The first thing I asked my surgeon and doctors is when will I be able to return to work. I was advised it was going to be a long road and dedication to the treatment plan. I dedicated myself to the plan, knowing that I would be able to return to work someday. But someday was not good enough for me. I know that any time an officer is taken off the road the community suffers. I mentally and physically pushed myself every day to get stronger and overcome the injury. Ultimately, I would not be returning today without the assistance of a citizen that came to my aide during the attack and the support of my family (both my personal and department family) and friends. The department supported me through this horrible attack that should have never happened. I am so grateful to be back!”

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