

Former MJHS standout shot in confrontation

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Former Mt. Juliet High School student and football star Vaughn Cornelia was shot just before 3 a.m. Friday during a confrontation on West Broughton Street in Savannah, Ga.

The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department said there was a confrontation and Cornelia, 20, along with Mamie Smith, 20, were shot. Cornelia was transported to Memorial University Medical Center by Emergency Medical Services and taken to surgery. Smith was transported to the same hospital with a non-life threatening wound.

A Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department officer was near the intersection when several shots were fired and he moved into the large crowd to find Cornelia being placed in a car. He advised that an ambulance was in route and began first aid for Cornelia as other officers tended to the unruly crowd and secured the scene.

The SCMPD said there were nearly 100 people in the area, and they are looking for witnesses to identify the shooter.

Cornelia is a sophomore defensive back at Savannah State University. He was a 2011 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School and star wide receiver for the Bears.

There was no update on his condition at press time.