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In alignment with the Caldwell Police Department's laser focus on serious and violent crime, CPD would like to highlight an overnight success story centered on the use of technology to enhance public safety in the City of Caldwell.

Just after 1:00 a.m., CPD's newly install gunshot detection system was alerted to multiple gunshots fired in the area of 300 Belmont Street.

Patrol officers swiftly and tactically responded to the scene in order to stop the threat, locate the suspect and or victims in need of help.

Based on the precisely accurate gunshot technology, officers were able to locate a vehicle and two suspects connected to the shooting.

During the preliminary investigation, 26 expended bullet casings were located in the suspects' vehicle, along with an AR-15 rifle, and a 9mm handgun. The following two suspects were arrested in connection with the shooting: 22-year-old Johnathan Anderson was arrested for DUI, carrying a firearm under the influence, and discharge of a firearm in city limits; the passenger of the vehicle, 29-year-old Alex Muniz, was charged with carrying a firearm while under the influence.

The Flock system uses microphones installed in specific locations to detect the sound of gunshots and alert authorities. Flock Safety technology is instrumental in alerting us about gunshots allowing us to respond quickly, to precise locations where gunshots are being fired with significant reduction to 911 delay in response times. The system was installed in the city in 2024.

"Illegal gun violence across the country has surged in recent years and the use of technology to assist law enforcement in quickly solving these crimes has been the topic of political discussion and dissent among some law makers. This is a classic example of leveraging technology to keep our community safe, while holding criminals accountable and reducing the overall footprint of traditional policing. It is that simple. Wake up America! It is time to work smarter and not harder!" said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.