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**NEWS RELEASE**

**8 JUVENILES AND 1 ADULT CHARGED FOR FIGHT AT GRADUATION PARTY**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that eight juveniles ranging in age from 14 to 17 were charged\* late yesterday with various crimes associated with a fight that broke out on June 1, 2012 at a graduation party at Hayes Community Center in Apple Valley. Specifically the following charges were filed in this incident against juvenile offenders:

- 17-year-old Apple Valley youth charged with petty misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 17-year-old Apple Valley youth charged with misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 17-year-old Minneapolis youth charged with misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 16-year-old Minneapolis youth charged with misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 16-year-old Jordan youth charged with misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 15-year-old Apple Valley youth charged with Fourth Degree Assault (a gross misdemeanor) and misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 15-year-old Brooklyn Park youth charged with Providing a False Name to Officer (a gross misdemeanor) and misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct
- 14-year-old Jordan youth charged with misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct

Backstrom indicated that under Minnesota law the names of the juveniles being prosecuted in this case, including their court dates, are not public.

Additionally, 18-year-old Emmanuel Lucious Riley of Apple Valley, was cited for misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct by the Apple Valley Police Department in connection with this same incident. This case is being prosecuted by the Apple Valley City Attorney. Riley's first appearance in court is scheduled for July 27, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Apple Valley.

Backstrom commented: "It is sad to see so many youth and young adults involved in a fight at a graduation celebration."

Backstrom thanked the Apple Valley Police Department who assisted in this case for their quick and thorough investigation.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.

*\*Criminal charges are not evidence of guilt. A defendant/suspect is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*