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Winston-Salem Police Chief William Penn Jr. walks to his vehicle from the scene of a mass shooting in Leinbach Park.

Felony arrests of juveniles in a Winston-Salem park shooting raise questions

JOHN DEEM
Staff Writer

District Attorney Jim O'Neill and the Winston-Salem Police Department said this week they stand by a decision to pursue felony charges of inciting a riot against nine people – including five girls ranging in age from 14 to 16 – in a deadly shooting April 20 at Leinbach Park.

The approach has raised questions about how the charges treat those who were present – especially the juveniles – but did none of the shooting that resulted in two deaths and five injuries.

It shouldn't, O'Neill insisted. "If you engage in and incite others in a pre-arranged fight in a public park where innocent people are walking around, and you therefore help set the wheels in motion where multiple people end up getting shot and others killed, you can expect that you will be held accountable for your

bad behavior by this office and by our law enforcement partners," the district attorney told the Journal.

Investigators say the fracas began with an arranged fight between 14-year-old and 16-year-old girls at the park. As word spread, a crowd of about 15 people, including juveniles and adults, gathered at the park.

Two separate fights involving four males broke out. As the situation escalated, at least three people pulled guns and began firing. By the time the gunfire stopped, two of the gunmen – Daniel Jimenez Milian, 16, and 17-year-old Erubey Romero Medina were dead.

Females aged 14, 15, 17 and 19, and an 18-year-old male who was the third shooter were injured.

For its part, the police department settled

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Stokes residents confront developer

Attendees at public meeting seek answers about a proposed data center

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More than 100 upset residents in the Walnut Cove area turned out Thursday night to hear a developer answer questions and attempt to calm concerns over a proposed data center.

Half the crowd was turned away by Stokes County Sheriff's deputies before they even got inside the government center, as the council chambers could only safely accommodate 50 people at a time. Instead, attendees waited close to an hour in the full parking lot for the second round of presentations.

Drew Nations, the founder and chief executive officer of Engineered Land Solutions, will be asking Stokes County Commissioners to rezone

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Winston-Salem mansion quietly sells for \$4 million

The structure on Arbor Road was built in 1939

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Staff Writer

The \$4 million sale of an 87-year-old Winston-Salem mansion in the Buena Vista area was finalized quietly last week.

The 6,728-square-foot home at 349 Arbor Road was sold without being listed.

The brick, two-story Colonial Revival structure sits on a 1.7-acre lot just west of Stratford Road.

It was built in 1939.

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Two arrested after armed robbery leads to a police chase that ended on a W-S highway

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