



Lauderhill Police Department

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RE: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING / VEHICLE PURSUIT / CRASH

The Lauderhill Police Department is investigating an officer involved shooting that took place at approximately 3:22 a.m. this morning. Based upon a preliminary review of the situation, what took place is as follows:

- At 3:22 a.m. a Lauderhill police officer was on patrol in the area of NW 26th Street at NW 55th Avenue behind a silver, 2001 Cadillac DeVille that had been reported stolen out of Tamarac on the 23rd of July but reported to authorities on the 24th. The officer called for backup units to arrive before he got the subjects out of the car.
- While waiting for backup officers to arrive, three female subjects exited the Cadillac and fled on foot in various directions.
- The driver of the Cadillac then proceeded slowly eastbound on NW 26th Street, right onto NW 52nd Avenue and then right onto NW 24th Court. This street dead-ends at a court. The suspect, apparently unfamiliar with the area, then entered a construction area where a park is being built. The suspect drove around the field looking for a way out but did not find any whereupon he drove through the temporary fence near the intersection of NW 24th Street at NW 55th Avenue.
- Lauderhill Police Officer Davlin Session was on foot at the corner of NW 24th Street at NW 55th Avenue when the suspect crashed through the fence. The vehicle was coming straight at him and he had nowhere to go. Out of fear for his life, he discharged his firearm at the vehicle but did not strike the driver. The officer injured his leg while jumping out of the way of the vehicle's path.
- The Cadillac then fled southbound on NW 55th Avenue to Sunrise Boulevard where the road ends. He then made a right onto westbound Sunrise Boulevard and made a U-Turn at the intersection of Sunrise Boulevard and NW 56th Avenue to travel eastbound on Sunrise Boulevard.
- Followed by the police, the vehicle continued to refuse to stop as it traveled eastbound along Sunrise Boulevard. While attempting to exit onto southbound State Road 7, the vehicle lost control, ran the red light, and struck a white 1987 Toyota that was traveling southbound on State Road 7.

- The driver of the white, 1987 Toyota Camry 4-dr, Oshain Neville Fairclough (B/M, 04-09-86) of Lauderdale Lakes was injured in the collision. He is being treated at Broward General Hospital. His injuries are described as 'non-life threatening' and he is expected to be released soon.
- The driver of the stolen Cadillac, Edgar Francois (B/M, 07-31-88) also of Lauderdale Lakes violently resisted the efforts of the officers to take him into custody. Officers were able to handcuff him after he was subdued with a Electro Muscular Disabling Device (EMDD), commonly referred to as a 'Taser' but he continued to kick and resist the efforts of the officers. Officers had to restrain his legs as well in order to control him so that he could be transported to Broward General Hospital for medical clearance.
- Francois is being charged with:
 - Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer causing injury to a person or property - FSS 316.1935 (4)(b)
 - Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer
 - Resisting arrest with violence
 - Driving without a license
- Officer Dalvin Session also injured his hand during the arrest of Francois. He was treated and released from an area hospital. Officer Session will be on a paid administrative leave as per policy whenever an officer is involved in a shooting incident.
- Office Session has been with the Lauderhill Police Department since October of 2006.
- Lauderhill Police detectives are conducting a follow up investigation.