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Undercover Officer Recovering After Being Shot
Officer Was Shot in the Shoulder, Suspects are at Large

A 3 ½ year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department is recovering after being shot. The officer, who was working undercover along with a partner, was shot at 10:57pm on Sunday, April 5, 2009, in the 4200 block of Chouteau. The 31-year old is expected to make a full recovery.

The officer and his partner were in an undercover, unmarked vehicle when they saw several subjects in the area of Chouteau and Boyle. Just as the officers drove past the vehicle, they saw one of the subjects make a motion as if he had a concealed weapon. The officers began to turn their vehicle around to approach the subjects when a suspect opened fire. The officer was shot in the shoulder, with bullet fragments also striking him above the eye, near his eyebrow. The officer and his partner were both able to get out of the vehicle and take cover. The suspect fired approximately 9 shots before he and two to three other suspects left the scene. The officers were not able to return fire before the suspects fled.

The officer was taken to a hospital by a fellow officer where he was treated and has since been released. The officer's partner was not shot. The investigation is being handled by the Homicide Division as is procedure in all officer involved shootings. No suspects have been arrested.

The Metropolitan Police Department is grateful that the officer will recover and extend our thoughts and prayers to the officer and his family.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Crimestoppers at 1-866-371-TIPS. All callers can remain anonymous.

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