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Two St. Louis Police Officers Shot During Car Stop

One Officer Remains in Critical Condition; Suspect Shot by Police

Two Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis police officers were shot and wounded during a car stop during the evening hours of Wednesday, October 13. One of the officers was able to return fire, shooting the suspect. The incident occurred around 10:12 p.m.

The two patrol officers stopped a vehicle in the 4800 block of Enright after seeing that the vehicle's headlights were not on. A female was driving the vehicle and a male was in the passenger seat. The male was asked to step out of the vehicle and an officer began to perform a "pat down" of the man. During the "pat down" the man pulled a gun from his waistband and opened fire. The officer who had been performing the "pat down", a 25-year-old White male, was shot in the neck and elbow. The officer fell to the ground. The suspect began to run but continued to fire, shooting the second officer, a 27-year-old White male, in the thigh. That officer returned fire, shooting the suspect in the chest. The suspect, though injured, continued running out of sight. The officer who returned fire upon the suspect broadcast an "officer in need of aid" call over the police radio. The female driver of the vehicle remained at the scene during the incident. At this time, it appears she had no involvement in the shooting.

Officers responding to the "officer in need of aid" call took both injured officers to Barnes-Jewish Hospital. The 27-year-old officer, who is a 2 ½ year veteran of the department, was grazed in the thigh. He was treated and released. The 25-year-old officer, a 2 year veteran of the department, was immediately rushed into surgery to repair damage to an artery that was caused by the gunshot wound to the neck. The officer also suffered a wound to the back, believed to be an "exit wound" where the bullet that entered his neck exited his body. Following surgery to repair the artery doctors performed surgery to address the officer's injuries to his elbow. Doctors indicate the surgery went well but stress that it will be some time before they have a complete picture of the severity of his injuries.

The suspect was located at McMillan and Marcus after persons in a vehicle flagged down a St. Louis Fire Department Emergency Medical Unit, stating they had a man in their vehicle who was suffering from a gunshot wound. Responding officers

determined the injured man was the suspect in this incident. The suspect was taken to a hospital where he immediately underwent surgery. The suspect had been shot once in the back, with the bullet exiting his chest. Following surgery overnight, he is now listed in critical but stable condition. He is a 20-year-old Black male.

Investigators plan to apply for warrants at the Office of the Circuit Attorney within the next 36 hours. If/when any warrants are issued in this case, the department will release the suspect's name and warrant information.

Evidence located at the scene indicates the suspect fired at least 8 times while the officer fired at least eleven times. The suspect's weapon has not yet been located.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact CrimeStoppers at 1-866-371-TIPS (8477.) Callers can remain anonymous. Callers who provide information that leads to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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