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Critical Incident - Officer Involved Shooting

Akron, Ohio – This evening at approximately 6:14 p.m., Akron Police Department officers responded to assist a neighboring agency in the 1700 block of East Market St. after receiving information that a semi-truck fled from officers in another jurisdiction.

Akron officers located the semi-truck in a parking lot on East Market Street where the driver struck multiple cruisers before heading westbound on East Market Street.

As the suspect vehicle approached Innovation Way, it struck another police cruiser and multiple civilian vehicles. Moments later, two Akron Police officers discharged their duty weapons, striking the suspect at least one time. The suspect was transported to a local hospital with what are believed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

The officers involved have approximately six years and nearly three years of police service respectively. The officers have been placed on paid administrative leave per departmental procedure.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations responded to the scene and will conduct the investigation. After the investigation, the case will be submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for review before being submitted to the Summit County Grand Jury for evaluation.

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability will conduct a separate internal investigation. The results will be provided to the Police Chief and the City of Akron Police Auditor.

The incident remains under investigation. No additional information is available at this time.

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