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MPD Officer Involved Shooting

MILWAUKEE, WI— Today, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at approximately 1:48 p.m., Milwaukee Police officers observed a vehicle traveling on the 7000 block of W. Thurston Avenue, without any license plates. Officers conducted a traffic stop at which time, the driver initially stopped; however, he then fled in the vehicle as officers approached.

Officers responding to the area observed the suspect vehicle at N. 60th Street and W. Thurston Avenue and a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle disregarded a red traffic signal and collided with an uninvolved vehicle in the 9100 block of W. Silver Spring Drive. The suspect and sole occupant exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

During the foot pursuit, the suspect possessed a handgun and continued to flee with the gun in his hand. Officers gave the suspect several commands to drop the gun and an officer discharged his firearm striking the suspect. No officers or anyone else was injured from the gunfire.

The suspect, a 31-year-old Milwaukee man, sustained fatal injuries. The firearm was recovered.

The uninvolved motorist in the other vehicle refused medical attention.

The officer involved is a 43-year-old male with over 5 years of service. He will be placed on administrative duty as is routine in an officer involved critical incident.

This is a fluid and ongoing investigation. The Milwaukee Area Investigative Team will be investigating this incident. The Waukesha Police Department will be the lead law enforcement agency in the investigation.

The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) is aware of videos that are circulating on social media platforms depicting portions of the incident including officers moving the suspect. MPD is conducting a full administrative investigation of this incident. MPD holds its members to the highest level of integrity and if it is determined that any member has violated the code of conduct they will be held accountable. A community briefing discussing this incident will be released in the future.

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