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MPD mourns the death of an officer killed in the line of duty

MILWAUKEE, WI - Today, Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at about 1:16 a.m., Milwaukee Police Department officers assigned to District Four responded to the area of the 2700 block of S. 14th Street to check for a suspect wanted in connection to a robbery that occurred yesterday, Monday, February 6, 2023, at approximately 11:25 p.m., on the 3600 block of W. Good Hope Road.

Upon arrival, officers located the suspect, who ignored their commands and fled on foot. One of the officers was able to catch up to the suspect and a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the suspect used a handgun and fired shots striking the other officer. That officer discharged his firearm. During the exchange, the suspect was struck by gunfire.

The officer, a 37-year-old male with over 4-years of service sustained life-threatening injuries. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Despite the best efforts of medical personnel, he died of his injuries.

The suspect, a 19-year-old Milwaukee man, was pronounced deceased at the scene. At this time, it is unknown if the suspect's fatal injury was self-inflicted or from the officer's gunfire.

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

A community briefing discussing this incident will be released in the future.

We appreciate the Milwaukee Fire Department and the staff at Froedtert that provided medical care for our officer.

Once family notifications have been completed we will release the name and photo of the fallen officer.

This is a terrible day for our city and we are hurting. An officer got ready to go to work last night to protect our community and paid the ultimate sacrifice. MPD sends our deepest sympathies to our officer's family and everyone that was impacted by this heinous act of violence.

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