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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Officer Involved Shooting**

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – On July 11, 2024 at approximately 517pm, officers were advised of a FLOCK activation of a stolen vehicle described as a maroon GMC Sierra being driven in the area of Ephriham and Azle Ave.

Officers located the suspect vehicle in the area and a vehicle pursuit ensued. During this pursuit, one patrol vehicle was struck by the suspect vehicle but no injuries to that officer were reported. As the pursuit continued on, officers were able to successfully spike strip the stolen vehicle.

At approximately 540pm, the suspect vehicle lost control and skidded to a stop when it collided with another vehicle in a business parking lot located at the intersection of NW 28th St and McKinley Ave. Once the suspect vehicle came to a stop, the suspect exited the vehicle holding a firearm. The suspect then pointed the firearm directly at a civilian in front of him who was in the parking lot standing next to a white SUV. The civilian ran away from the suspect. The suspect then entered the white SUV.

Officers observed the suspect point his weapon at that civilian and attempt to carjack his vehicle. Officers feared the suspect may attempt to escape in the SUV and potentially cause harm to other innocent civilians.

Officers opened fire towards the driver side of the SUV that the suspect was inside of in an attempt to stop the suspect.

The suspect then exited the SUV still holding the firearm. Officers gave loud verbal commands to the suspect to drop his weapon, but the suspect refused to comply. The suspect was then observed pointing the firearm towards a business located in the parking lot of this location that was occupied by other civilians.

Fearing that the suspect may cause harm to the other civilians, officers again began to fire upon the suspect. The suspect was struck several times by officers' gunfire and dropped the weapon. Officers moved in, secured the suspect and the firearm, and immediately began providing medical treatment to the suspect.

The suspect was then transported to a local hospital where he is continuing to receive medical treatment and was listed in stable condition at the time of this writing.

No officers or other civilians were injured during this incident. This information is preliminary and this investigation is still ongoing. Major case arrived at the location and is conducting a thorough investigation which will be forwarded to the DA's office for review.

The suspect is described as an adult Hispanic male. Further updates will be provided when possible.

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