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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred at approximately 12:16 PM on Monday, November 28th. The incident took place at 2300 West Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that officers were at the location investigating an occupied stolen vehicle. As they approached the vehicle on foot, two of the occupants exited the vehicle and fled from the officers.

As the two suspects fled on foot, officers observed one of the fleeing suspects discard a firearm. A third suspect — the vehicle driver — attempted to flee; striking an officer with the vehicle. During this encounter, officers fired shots into the vehicle; however, it is unknown if the suspect was struck.

The suspect continued to flee, driving over a curb onto West Sunrise Boulevard and then west on Sunrise Boulevard, initially traveling west in the eastbound lanes of Sunrise Boulevard.

The suspect that was observed discarding the firearm as he fled, was taken into custody in the area of the 2200 Block of NW 8th Court shortly after the initial incident. The firearm was located at the initial scene. The remaining two suspects are still at large.

The stolen vehicle, a silver Ford Fusion, was located in the area of the 2800 Block of NW 15th Court. The vehicle was unoccupied at the time that it was located and an additional firearm was discovered in the abandoned vehicle.

The officer that was struck by the suspect vehicle was transported by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue to Broward Health Medical Center with minor injuries.

Two Fort Lauderdale police officers discharged their firearms during this incident. This is an ongoing investigation and the identity of the suspect taken into custody is not yet being released.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5534.