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AGGRAVATED BATTERY ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

On Monday, November 03, 2008 at approximately 4:56 A.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received reports of a suspicious vehicle driving in the 2800 block of Northeast 26 Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The caller stated that the occupant of the vehicle appeared to be casing homes or vehicles.

Officers responded and located the 2008 Chrysler that was described by the caller. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop and the vehicle refused to stop. Officers continued behind the vehicle following it down a dead end street. Once at the dead end street, the vehicle turned and drove in the direction of the marked vehicle. The marked police unit attempted to drive on a grassy area to avoid the vehicle. The vehicle struck the police vehicle and garbage cans on someone's lawn.

The driver of the vehicle, Michael Timothy Goldberg, W/M, 08-07-1980, a Wilton Manor resident continued driving his vehicle in a reckless manner until he crashed into a light post at Sunrise Boulevard and North A1A. Goldberg fled the vehicle on foot and a perimeter was established. Fort Lauderdale Police K-9 Officers responded and were able to locate Goldberg inside of Birch State Park. Goldberg resisted officers' efforts to be placed into custody and was subsequently struck with a CED device commonly known as a Taser.

Goldberg was charged with two counts of Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Fleeing and Eluding with property damage, Resisting Arrest with Violence, Driving with a suspended driver's license, and driving with no headlights. Goldberg has been transported to Broward County Main Jail.



Michael Goldberg

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