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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
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The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an aggravated assault of a police officer that occurred on July 23, 2008 at approximately 12:23 PM.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a report was received of a suspicious vehicle in the 700 block of Northeast 2 Avenue. Officer's were able to locate a vehicle that matched the description of the one provided by the caller. Officer's initiated a traffic stop at the 700 block of Northeast 1 Avenue. As officer's approached the vehicle, the driver placed his vehicle in reverse striking the marked police unit. The driver then drove directly at a Fort Lauderdale Police Officer. The officer in fear for his life discharged his firearm, but did not strike the driver.

A short vehicle pursuit began until the vehicle stopped at Northeast Third Avenue and Flagler Drive. The driver of the vehicle refused to obey law enforcement officer's commands. The driver subsequently had a department issued Taser deployed on his person. The driver was taken into custody and transported to Broward General Medical Center.

The driver has been identified as James Gary Brown, w/m, 11/04/1969, a Davie resident. James Brown is currently being charged with Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer; Fleeing and Eluding a Law Enforcement Officer; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Additional charges could be forthcoming.



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