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BATTERY ON OFFICER

At approximately 12:30pm today, officers with the Tactical Impact Unit, (TIU), stopped a suspicious vehicle with dark tint in the 3400 block of Jackson Boulevard. After making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, the driver and passenger repeatedly refused to comply with the officer's commands such as they would not roll down their window or keep their hands visible.

The TIU officers requested routine back-up officers to assist due to the driver's failure to comply with the officer's orders. While the additional units were en route, the driver of the vehicle threw the vehicle in reverse, struck one of the officers and slammed into the front of the police vehicle. As the officer was struck and knocked to the ground, the suspect vehicle fled the scene but later crashed in a yard located at 300 SW 29th Avenue due to a blown out tire.

At the crash scene, the driver, later identified as Marvin Deuse, 27, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was hit by a Taser, arrested and transported to Broward General Medical Center for precautionary reasons. The passenger bailed out of the vehicle but was apprehended shortly thereafter.

Narcotics including "crack" cocaine, powder cocaine and marijuana were located inside of the vehicle. The occupants of the vehicle will be facing numerous charges ranging from Narcotics Possession to Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

The officer suffered an injury to his leg but is expected to make a full recovery.

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