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POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING

On January 13, 2008 the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received a be on the look out (BOLO) for a Black Hyundai that was occupied with four black males. This officer safety BOLO was issued as the occupants of this vehicle were seen in possession of a machine gun from the area of Northwest 27 Avenue and Northwest 15 Street.

At approximately 03:40 A.M., an officer located a vehicle driving suspiciously through a neighborhood in southwest Fort Lauderdale. The vehicle matched the description of the BOLO that was given earlier. The officer attempted a traffic stop of this vehicle. The vehicle then proceeded to drive until it came to rest on the front lawn of 430 Southwest 30 Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Once the vehicle came to a rest, both the driver's side door and passenger door opened and the occupants emerged from the vehicle. It appeared as if the occupants were fleeing from the vehicle. The officer gave continuous commands for both individuals to "stop" and "show their hands". The passenger yelled to the driver of the vehicle to get the stuff from the vehicle. The driver entered the car and began to reach under the front seat, ignoring the officer's commands to show his hands. As this was occurring, the passenger also began to dig through the front compartment of the vehicle. The driver eventually emerged from the vehicle holding an object close to his body.

Both the driver and the passenger fled on foot between two homes. The officer pursued both suspects on foot. As the officer gave pursuit, the passenger told the driver of the vehicle to shoot the officer. The driver then turned and brandished a firearm at the officer. The officer discharged his firearm striking the individual.

The driver was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he underwent surgery. The driver has been identified as Timothy Jermaine Brown, a Fort Lauderdale resident, B/M, 12/26/1972. Timothy has been charged with Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Fleeing and Eluding in a vehicle, and

Resisting Arrest with Violence. Timothy is currently at the hospital and is expected to live. The officer involved in this incident was not injured.

The passenger has not been located and the investigation is continuing. We ask anyone with information to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police at 954-828-5700 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Timothy J. Brown

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