

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to a sexual battery that resulted in a police involved shooting at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The incident took place in the 2400 block of Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Court in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Fort Lauderdale police officers and Broward Sheriff's deputies responded to the location in reference to a sexual battery that had just occurred. Officers made contact with the victim who provided a detailed description of the suspect, including that he was on a bicycle.

Shortly thereafter, a Fort Lauderdale police officer made contact with a male on a bicycle matching the description in the same area as the initial call. Attempts were made to stop this individual who fled from the officer on foot.

During the pursuit, an altercation occurred with the individual that ultimately resulted in the officer discharging his firearm striking the male. He was transported to Broward Health Medical Center and later succumbed to his injuries. His identity is not being released at this time.

The officer was also transported by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue to Broward Health Medical Center for a non-life threatening injury sustained during the altercation.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is conducting the investigation into the police involved shooting as per the policy and agreement established in February 2017.

The Broward Sheriff's Office is handling the sexual battery investigation due to the incident occurring in their jurisdiction.

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

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