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PRESS RELEASE

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**POLICE INVOLVED  
SHOOTING**

**\*PHOTO'S BELOW\***

**Update:**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has charged three individuals with various offenses in connection with yesterday's officer involved shooting. Azell Tywon Canty, B/M, 12/28/1983, and an Opa Locka resident has been charged with Possession of a stolen driver's license, Possession of two stolen credit cards, and a violation of probation warrant. Also charged was Tashanequa Tameice Culpepper, B/F, 03/04/1976, and an Opa Locka resident has been charged with two counts of Grand Theft in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Uttering.

The third subject, who was shot and remains in serious condition at Broward General Medical Center, has been identified as Tra'don Donell Johnson, B/M, 12/27/1984, and an Opa Locka resident has been charged with the following: Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of Grand Theft in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and two counts of uttering.

The officer who discharged their firearm has been identified as Jason Hersh. Officer Hersh has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 08/29/2005. Officer Hersh has been placed on paid administrative leave. The investigation into this officer involved shooting continues.

**Original:**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a police involved shooting that occurred today at approximately 3:55 P.M. The shooting took place at 200 East Broward Boulevard at the National City Bank drive-thru area.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received information of a vehicle inside of the drive-thru area attempting to commit a fraudulent transaction. While officers were en-route they received information that the bank employees recognized the individuals inside of the vehicle from a previous fraudulent transaction.

Upon officers arriving on-scene, a confrontation ensued between the officers and the vehicle. As a result of this confrontation one Fort Lauderdale Police Officer fired their firearm striking one subject. The subject that was struck by the firearm was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he underwent surgery. He is currently listed in serious condition and is in ICU.

The other two occupants of the vehicle were detained and are being questioned by police. At this time the investigation is on-going and will continue. Anyone with information regarding this shooting is encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5700 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Tra'don Donell Johnson



Azell Canty

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