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Officer Involved Shooting

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The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

Officers were dispatched to 600 block of North Cherry St. regarding a bus driver being assaulted by a male. Officers arrived a short time later and confronted the suspect on Cross Ave west of Cherry. The suspect was not complying with verbal orders, which led to an altercation with officers.

At least one TASER was deployed and ineffective on the suspect who then started running. The officers pursued the suspect who again started to fight with the officers and shortly after shots were fired. It is unknown at this time if one or both officers shot and how many times the suspect was struck. The suspect was transported to a local hospital for medical attention and his condition at this time is not known.

Both officers sustained injuries during the fight and were treated for their injuries which were not life threatening. The officers will be placed on administrative leave pending an investigation, which was turned over to the Tulare County Sheriff's Department.

There will be no updates on the case until tomorrow around 9AM.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

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