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### **Officer Involved Shooting**

On March 31, 2018 at approximately 10:10 a.m., Lansing Police Department officers were dispatched to the area of Martin Luther King (MLK) and Mary on a report of shots fired. While en route, officers were updated by the Ingham County 9-1-1 Center that a subject had just shot into an apartment in the 1200 block of Mary Ave. When officers arrived on scene, they learned that the accused had fled the scene on foot and that there were no reported injuries to the occupants of the apartment.

At approximately 11:02 am, a Lansing Police officer in a fully marked uniform and patrol car located a subject matching the description of the accused walking in the area of MLK and Dunlap. As the officer approached the accused, he pulled out a handgun and began shooting at the officer. The officer and accused exchanged gunfire, as the accused took off running in a northeast direction. The officer was not injured during the exchange of gunfire and it is unknown if the accused was struck by the officers gunfire.

Officers established a perimeter in the area of MLK, Holmes, Washington, and Rundle. Agencies from the entire Metro Lansing area assisted LPD, including the Michigan State Police (MSP) Aviation Unit. At approximately 12:20pm, the MSP Helicopter Unit spotted the accused hiding in an abandon lumber yard in the 2900 blk of S. MLK.

Members of the Lansing Police Special Tactics and Rescue Team (S.T.A.R.T.), responded to the location in an attempt to take the accused in custody. As the S.T.A.R.T. Team approached the subject utilizing a Tactical Rescue Armored Vehicle (BEARCAT), the accused pointed his handgun at the officers and discharged multiple rounds from his firearm towards their direction. Two (2) members from the LPD S.T.A.R.T. Team, returned fire, striking the accused several times.

As soon as the S.T.A.R.T. secured the accused, members from S.T.A.R.T. along with an LFD Tactical Medic unit, began providing lifesaving first aid to the accused by applying tourniquets to the accused's gunshot wounds. The accused was quickly transported to a local hospital by LFD. The accused is listed with critical injuries, but is in stable condition at this time.

The accused is a 25 year old male, Lansing resident.

Following standard protocol, Lansing Police contacted the Michigan State Police who will be handling the investigation in full. At this time there is no outstanding threat to the public safety but this is an ongoing investigation. Anyone having information regarding this incident is directed to contact the **Michigan State Police D/F/Lt. Tom DeClerq at (517) 636-0703.**

Per LPD policies and procedures, three (3) Lansing Police Officers will be placed on Administrative Leave while the investigation continues.

"Today members of the Lansing Police Department were confronted by a violent offender who placed not only our citizens in harm's way, but aggressively and violently confronted officers with a handgun who were trying to protect our community. I want to commend the actions of the men and women from the Lansing Police Department for their bravery, courage, and professionalism. The officers' actions to immediately render lifesaving tourniquets and first aid clearly saved the accused life. I am grateful and thankful that there was no loss of life during this violent encounter", stated Police Chief Mike Yankowski.

No further updates will be provided by LPD at this time. You are directed to contact **D/F/Lt. DeClerq** for any additional follow up questions you may have.

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