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Officer Involved Shooting Update 1500 blk E Indiana St.

SUMMARY

Earlier today, around noon, two Evansville Police Officers were on patrol in the 1500 block of E Indiana. Both officers were driving separate marked EPD SUV vehicles and both were in full uniform. Officers recognized a white male suspect standing in the street at the back of a white SUV with the back hatch open. Officers were familiar with the suspect and knew that he was wanted on a local Failure to Appear Felony Warrant. The Warrant included charges of possession of meth, possession of a syringe, possession of marijuana, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct.

There was another male who was standing with the suspect at the back of the SUV. Officers pulled up behind the two males and immediately started giving commands to them. Officers yelled for them both to show their hands and step towards them. One of the males raised his hands in the air and cooperated with the officers' commands.

The suspect refused to cooperate and dropped his hands down to his side. His left hand started tugging around the front of his waistband area and he put his right hand behind him. Officers yelled multiple times for him to show his hands. They even called him by name while giving commands. The suspect was reaching for something with his right hand inside the vehicle. He removed his right hand from the vehicle and was holding a handgun. He raised the firearm and racked the slide. Officers fired their duty weapons at the suspect and he was shot.

The suspect fell to the ground with the 9 mm handgun, which was later collected from the scene by detectives. Officers continued to give commands for the suspect to raise his hands. Once officers felt that it was safe to approach the suspect, they began to render first aid. Officers applied a tourniquet and chest seals to help with life-saving measures. Other officers, detectives, and first responders arrived quickly to assist. The suspect was transported by AMR to a local hospital for treatment. The suspect was still alive and conscious when he was transported. At this time, we do not have an update on the suspect's condition.

Another male who was near the vehicle during the shooting was briefly detained while officers made the scene safe. He was interviewed by detectives and released.

This investigation is still active. No one else was injured during the incident. The officers involved in the shooting will be placed on 3-day Administrative Leave, which is standard protocol. The officers will also be offered counseling and Peer Support services.



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