



Chief of Police Carl Dabadie

News Release

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Officer Involved Shooting

Update

Torrance Smart, 24, 8686 Coy Ave, was arrested last night after being released from the hospital and charged with 2 counts of Attempt First Degree Murder of a Police Officer, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Aggravated Damage to Property, Resisting an Officer, Obstruction of Justice.

Detectives also learned that the vehicle Smart was driving had been reported stolen on February 21, 2015.

Officers John Belcher, 6 year veteran, and John Ford, 2 year veteran, are still on paid administrative leave per standard procedure.

Smart was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

Original

Baton Rouge Police are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred around [8:10pm](#) in the 12,200 block of Robbie Ave. Officers attempted to stop a 2008 Honda Accord for a traffic violation. The 24 year old driver bailed from the rolling vehicle after refusing to stop and fired multiple shots at officers.

Officers returned fire, striking the suspect.

The suspect continued to flee on foot and was later apprehended in the 12,400 block of Warfield Ave. The suspect was transported to the Baton Rouge General with minor injuries.

The two officers that were involved in this incident were placed on paid administrative leave per standard procedure.

This is an ongoing investigation.

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