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Armed Felony Suspect Exchanges Gun Fire with Toledo Police Officer

Toledo, OH (June 19, 2024): On June 19, 2024, Toledo Police responded to the area of 2100 W. Sylvania Ave. in reference to a male with no shirt waving a gun and making homicidal threats. When an officer arrived on scene, the armed suspect fled, eventually leading to an exchange of gun fire with the officer.

On June 19, 2024 at approximately 2:15 PM, Lucas County Dispatch received calls of a shirtless man walking on W. Sylvania towards the Toledo Police Northwest Substation with a gun. Other callers reported that the suspect was waving the gun and threatening to kill someone. As the first officer, who was working a one-man unit, arrived on scene, he saw the suspect run southbound between the houses in the 2300 block of W. Sylvania. The officer searched and located the suspect in a back yard. The suspect failed to obey verbal commands and fled with gun in hand towards Charlestown. As the officer gave chase, the suspect stopped in a driveway in the 2300 block of Charlestown, held the gun to his head, and began to fully undress. The officer took cover behind a vehicle and attempted to deescalate the incident. The suspect refused to comply, and once fully nude, continued running with the gun down Charlestown towards Kershaw. As the officer gave chase, the suspect continued to ignore officer's commands. The officer then fired multiple rounds at the suspect with his department issued handgun. As the suspect continued onto Kershaw, he fired multiple rounds back at the officer. As the suspect was fleeing down Kershaw, other officers began to arrive on scene. The suspect eventually threw his gun, and was taken into custody without further incident in the 2400 block of Georgetown. The suspect was transported to an area hospital as a precaution. It was later found that the suspect had a felony warrant for Domestic Violence. He will also be charged with Assault on a Peace Officer, a felony of the first degree. No one was injured during the incident.

The officer who fired his weapon will be placed on paid Administrative Leave per collective bargaining agreements. The involved officer's information, body-worn camera footage, and dash-cam footage will be released in the near future.

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