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Shots Fired at Large Disorder

Toledo, OH (April 7, 2020): Toledo Police officers were dispatched Tuesday evening to Norwood and Waite after a 911 caller reported 30-50 people gathered and causing a commotion. The caller also stated that there was “gang-related activity” involved in the disorder.

The 911 call was received at approximately 8:27 PM and officers were dispatched at 8:52 PM. As officers approached they observed two suspects flee the scene. A uniformed Toledo Police Gang Unit gave chase, one officer to each suspect. At about 8:58 PM, one of the officers reported over the radio that a suspect had pointed a rifle at him and shots had been fired. The officer, whose name will be released at a later time per union contract, fired several times at the suspect. At this point it is not believed that the suspect, described as a black male, was struck. However, detectives are still actively working the scene and following up on leads. The officer was not injured and the suspect is not in custody. A magazine from a rifle was recovered at the scene. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 419-255-1111.

The investigation is still incredibly new and ongoing. An additional news release will be forthcoming when more information is obtained. This is the second officer-involved shooting this year. The last officer-involved shooting occurred on March 11 when Officer Knapp shot an armed suspect after the suspect robbed a Speedway Gas Station at gunpoint.

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