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Investigation of Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer

ABILENE, TX – On January 4, 2016, at 12:13 am, Abilene officers were dispatched to a call in the 1100 block of Burger Street. The caller reported a known male was outside of her home and was armed with a gun. The caller believed the suspect was on some type of drug, and she indicated that he was possibly trying to get into the home because he was after his girlfriend. The suspect's girlfriend was inside the home with the calling party, along with two other occupants. The home was locked, but the suspect reportedly tried to get into the house.

When officers arrived, they approached from the front and the rear of the residence. The two officers in the alley observed the suspect near the back door. They gave him verbal commands, whereupon early information indicates the suspect fired at the two police officers. The officers returned fire, striking the suspect. Officers then provided immediate life-saving measures until the Fire Department and EMS arrived. The suspect was transported to Hendrick Medical Center where he remains at the time of this media release. His condition is not believed to be critical. He is identified as 31 year old Derrick Casey.

The suspect is in police custody and will likely be charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault against a Peace Officer. Other charges may be filed as the investigation continues. The two involved officers were not injured, nor were any other persons. The officers have been placed on administrative leave in accordance with policy. Additionally, the Police Department contacted the Texas Rangers and requested an independent investigation.

This is an active investigation. More information may be released at a later time.

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