

MJPD officer involved in shooting Saturday

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

A Mt. Juliet Police Department officer is on administrative leave after shooting a man who pointed a gun at officers and an innocent bystander Saturday.

According to a Mt. Juliet Police Department press release, around 2:30 a.m., Mt. Juliet Police officers responded to a dispatched call of a man threatening to kill himself at a Mt. Juliet home in the 700 block of Stonegate Drive. Officers arrived on the scene and established a safety perimeter around the home.

Shortly thereafter, a 56 year-old male subject exited his home carrying a handgun. The subject quickly raised and pointed the gun in the direction of police officers and a bystander. One of the officers responded by firing upon the subject who was hit by the officer's gunfire during the encounter. The subject was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he is being treated for injuries sustained during the shooting.

During the incident, there were two adult female family members and one male child in the home. They were not aware of the incident until notified by police officers. No one else was injured during this incident.

"This is certainly a traumatic event for the injured subject, his family, and the officers involved. Our thoughts and prayers are extended for a quick recovery," stated Mt. Juliet Police Chief James Hambrick, "Police officers can go through their entire career and never be involved in this type of incident. This is one of the most difficult things an officer has to do."

As with all officer-involved shootings, the investigation is being conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The officer involved will be on administrative leave pending the TBI's investigation, which is also normal protocol.

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