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Rochester Police Department Investigating Olmsted County Use of Force Incident

December 15, 2022 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – Rochester Police Department (RPD) is leading the investigation into a use of force incident by an Olmsted County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputy.

Preliminary information from the sheriff's office indicates:

- Around 4:50 p.m. on December 14, OCSO deputies located a male suspect who they knew had a felony warrant for his arrest. The warrant was for 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and 3rd Degree Assault.
- As deputies approached the suspect in a parking lot in the 1000 block of 15th Ave SE, he entered a vehicle and began to flee.
- The suspect's vehicle struck law enforcement vehicles.
- During the incident, a deputy shot at the suspect vehicle.
- The suspect then fled the area in the vehicle he was driving.

The suspect has not been located, and it is unknown if he has injuries. No deputies were hurt.

The suspect in this case is Jesse James Johnson. He is 38 years old, approximately 5' 8" tall and 215 pounds. Mr. Johnson has been known to carry firearms on his person. The warrant for 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon involved a firearm.

Mr. Johnson was last seen driving a silver 2008 Pontiac G6 with MN license number BKT665. The Pontiac G6 should have damage to the rear bumper area.

A photo of Mr. Johnson is available [here](#).

We urge Mr. Johnson to turn himself in and ask anyone who knows where he is to call 911 and report it.

OCSO requested that RPD conduct an independent and thorough investigation into the use of force, which is standard operating procedure following an incident like this.

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