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ISP INVESTIGATES EAST ST. LOUIS PD OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

COLLINSVILLE, IL - The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation is conducting an independent investigation into an officer involved shooting that took place on December 7th, 2019.

According to the preliminary investigation, at approximately 11:26 A.M. an East St Louis PD officer (ESLPD) attempted to initiate a traffic stop for a traffic violation. The driver refused to stop and a pursuit ensued. The subject vehicle struck a railroad crossing gate and then became disabled in the 1500 block of Baker Street. The driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle, fled on foot. While fleeing, the driver dropped a weapon and then picked the weapon back up. Officers gave verbal commands to the driver, but he refused those commands. Officers feared for their lives and shots were fired. The subject was struck. The subject was transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

No officers or bystanders were injured during this incident and this remains an active investigation. At this time, the name of the offender is not being released, pending further investigation and potential charges being sought by the ESLPD. Once completed, the ISP's officer involved shooting investigation will be turned over to the St Clair County State's Attorney's Office for review.

This is an on-going investigation and no further information will be released at this time.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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