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Police Assault Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting an assault investigation. The incident occurred on Friday August 7, 2015 at 9150 Parkway East.

The victim has been identified as:

Police Detective, W/M, 6 Year Veteran, Birmingham, AL

On Friday August 7, 2015 at approximately 11:05 a.m., a Birmingham Police Detective conducted a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle; the vehicle was occupied by at least two individuals. The traffic stop escalated into a physical altercation which left the Detective with injuries that required medical attention at the scene by BFRS and immediate follow-up treatment at UAB Hospital; the Detective is in stable condition and will admitted for observation.

Our preliminary investigation of this assault reveals the following: during the traffic stop there was a verbal exchange between the Detective and one of the occupants; as a result of the verbal exchange the individual felt compelled to exit the vehicle; the situation continued to escalate when it became a physical altercation between the Detective and this individual. At the end of the assault on the Detective, both occupants of the vehicle fled the scene in the vehicle they were occupying.

Officers responded to the scene to assist the Detective, saturated the area of the assault location, located the vehicle, located the two suspects, and took both **BIM** suspects into custody. The suspects were transported to the BPD HQ to be interviewed. The investigating Detective will present the case to the Jefferson County DA's Office.

Update: Janard Cunningham B/M 34 years of age of CenterPoint has been charged with Attempted Murder and is being held in the Jefferson County Jail on no bond. The Detective has been released from the hospital and is resting at home.

If there is anyone who has additional information pertaining to the case, they are encouraged to contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.