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SUSPECT SHOT AFTER ATTACK ON OFF-DUTY OFFICER

An off-duty Milwaukee Police Officer shot a suspect who stabbed him while the officer was arresting the man after he attempted to break into a car.

The incident began about 4:30 a.m. on November 8, 2008 in the area of N. 121st Street and W. Mill Road when an off-duty officer saw the suspect trying to break into a car in the officer's driveway. The officer reported the crime to police dispatchers and called for help. The officer retrieved his badge, pepper spray, and duty weapon and began to follow the suspect.

The officer identified himself as a police officer and attempted to arrest the suspect in the 12000 block of W. Carmen Avenue. The suspect resisted the officer's attempts to arrest him, so the officer used pepper spray to try and take the suspect into custody. The suspect attacked the officer, stabbing the officer in the shoulder with a screwdriver. Using his training and experience the officer stopped the armed suspect's threat by discharging his weapon at the suspect, striking him.

A citizen witness came forward and told investigators that she heard the officer ordering the suspect to stop and drop his weapon.

A screwdriver was recovered at the scene.

As of 7:30 a.m. Saturday, the suspect was being treated at a local hospital and was in stable condition. His injuries are not believed to be life threatening. The officer was treated for his injuries by medical personnel at the scene.

The suspect, a 22-year-old male, has an arrest record with the Milwaukee Police Department.

The officer involved in the incident is a 39-year-old male with 15 years of service. He is assigned to the Training Division as an instructor.

As is standard operating procedure, the incident is under investigation by the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and the officer was placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the investigation. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office will make the final determination in the incident.

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