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Press Release

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A Des Moines Police Department patrol officer has been shot during the investigation of a violation of a No Contact Order.

At approximately 3:32 a.m., 30 July 2024, Des Moines Police Department patrol officers responded to a residence in the 5800 block of SE 35th Circle to investigate a report of a person violating a protective order.

At approximately 3:53 a.m., responding officers saw the suspects vehicle driving near the scene and attempted to stop it. The suspect fled from the officers, beginning a pursuit.

At approximately 3:58 a.m., as the suspect fled westbound on E. Army Post Rd., his vehicle left the roadway to the south and came to a stop. Seconds later, officers reported that shots had been fired and an officer was shot.

The officer, a 37-year-old male with four years of service with the Des Moines Police Department, was critically injured by a gunshot wound to the chest. He was transported by Des Moines Fire Department medics to a local hospital, where medical treatment is ongoing.

The suspect was shot by officers and died at the scene.

Des Moines Police Department detectives and agents with the Iowa Department of Public Safety Division of Criminal Investigation are investigating this incident. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available for release.

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