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*****UPDATE*****

The suspect in Sunday afternoon's shooting is identified as Tarvis Merrell Wilson, 21, of 7607 Courtyard Run West in Boca Raton.

He has been charged with attempted first-degree murder with a firearm of a law enforcement officer, four counts of aggravated assault with a firearm of a law enforcement officer, five counts of aggravated assault, battery of a law enforcement officer, carrying a concealed firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, resisting, and fleeing and attempting to elude.

Wilson has a decade-long criminal history and was released from his second prison term on June 28. Boynton Beach police arrested Wilson for an attempted armed carjacking in January 2006 and aggravated assault in January 2007 when he attempted to hit a Boynton Beach police officer with his car during a DUI checkpoint (see attached probable cause affidavits).

After leading police on a two-county chase, Wilson bailed out of his vehicle on Southwest 12th Avenue in Delray Beach and ran through the backyard of a relative's home.

Boynton Beach Police Sgt. Richard McNevin saw Wilson in the front yard of 118 S.W. 11th Ave., and attempted to take him into custody. Wilson fought with McNevin, resisting the officer's efforts to arrest him.

Wilson pushed off McNevin and started to run away. As he was running, he turned, pointed a 9mm Glock firearm and shot McNevin, striking him in the abdomen.

Wilson continued to run and against pointed his firearm at McNevin. This was witnessed by Boynton Beach Police Sgt. Henry Crowell, Boynton Beach Police Officer Matthew Medeiros and Delray Beach Police Sgt. John Crane-Baker.

All three officers fired upon Wilson, who was now running toward the backyard of 119 S.W. 11th Ave. As Wilson attempted to jump a fence, he turned and pointed his weapon at Crane-Baker, who fired at Wilson. Wilson then jumped over the fence. Officers could see Wilson again readying his weapon in their direction. Crane-Baker, Crowell and Boynton Beach Police Officer Michael Arco fired at Wilson, who was then taken into custody.

Wilson was in possession of a 9mm Glock with six rounds in the magazine. He remains in Delray Medical Center and is expected to live.

Sgt. Richard McNevin, 37, is recovering from his injuries and is expected to be released from the hospital today.

McNevin is a 9-year veteran of the Boynton Beach Police Department who was promoted to the rank of sergeant in October 2007. He is a member of the department's Honor Guard and has also served as a field training officer and traffic homicide investigator. He was named Officer of the Month in May 2008 and nominated for Officer of the Year in 2005.

Sgt. Henry Crowell, Officer Michael Arco and Officer Matthew Medeiros have been placed on routine paid administrative leave pending an administrative review of the incident. Crowell has been with the department since February 2000; Arco since August 2005 and Medeiros since May 2006.

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A Boynton Beach Police Officer remains in stable condition this evening after he was shot by a 21-year-old man who took police on a two-county chase.

It all began at 3:27 p.m. when the man went to a house at 236 S.W. 6th Ave., in Boynton Beach, rolled down the driver's side window of his 4-door green Altima, pointed a gun and pulled the trigger. The gun jammed, twice.

At 4:02 p.m., police received a call of shots being fired at Woolbright Road and Seacrest Boulevard. The suspect vehicle was described as the same 4-door green Altima from the previous assault.

Officers spotted the vehicle heading onto southbound Interstate 95 from Woolbright Road. Officers pursued the vehicle, which got off I-95 in Delray Beach and then got back onto I-95 south and headed into Broward County. With Boynton Beach, BSO and FHP officers in pursuit, the suspect vehicle got off I-95 on Sample Road and then returned to northbound I-95.

The suspect continued northbound, exiting on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. He bailed out of his vehicle on S.W. 12th Avenue and ran through the backyard of his mother's house.

The suspect fired several rounds at a Boynton Beach Police Officer, who was struck once. The suspect continued to run and fired at four pursuing officers from the Boynton Beach and Delray Beach Police Department. Those officers returned fire, striking the suspect numerous times.

The Boynton Beach Police Officer was taken by trauma alert to Delray Medical Center where he remains tonight in stable condition.

The suspect is currently in surgery and his condition is unknown.

Boynton Beach police will hold a press conference at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Police Department Headquarters, 100 E. Boynton Beach Boulevard. At that time, we will provide you with updated information, including the officer and suspect's names.

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