



Press Release

Officer Involved Shooting Cottage Grove Department of Public Safety March 30, 2010 0500hrs

On March 29, 2010 at approximately 11:51pm, a Cottage Grove Police Officer conducted a traffic stop in the 8200 block of Hadley Ave, Cottage Grove, on a vehicle suspected in passing counterfeit currency at area businesses on March 28, 2010.

The male suspect driver after being stopped fled the scene dragging the officer for over 560 feet (approx. 1 ½ football fields). The officer while being dragged discharged his firearm critically wounding the male driver. A second Cottage Grove Officer was able to stop the suspect vehicle using a pursuit intervention tactic (PIT) maneuver.

The adult male driver was transported to Regions hospital where he died from the injuries received. The Cottage Grove Officer was treated and released for non life threatening injuries received from being dragged by the suspect vehicle. There was an adult female and an infant in the suspect vehicle that was not injured during the incident.

The MN Criminal Bureau of Apprehension (BCA) is conducting the investigation of the officer involved shooting. The two Cottage Grove Police Officers involved in the incident have been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy. This matter is under investigation and further details will be released when available.

Any questions can be directed to administration at 651-458-2850.

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