



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Press Release  
Officer Involved Shooting  
Cottage Grove Department of Public Safety  
March 30, 2010  
\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

On March 29, 2010 at approximately 11:51pm, Cottage Grove Police Officer Brad Petersen 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 suspect driver, after being stopped, fled the scene dragging the officer for over 560 feet (approx. 1 ½ football fields). Officer Petersen, while being dragged, discharged his firearm critically wounding the suspect. Cottage Grove Police Officer Shawn Ebeling was able to stop the suspect vehicle using a pursuit intervention tactic (PIT) maneuver.

The suspect was transported to Regions hospital where he died from the injuries received. He has been identified as ROBERT THOMAS WILSON, DOB 08/04/1982. Officer Petersen 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's vehicle were not injured during the incident.

Through subsequent investigation, it was determined that the vehicle operated by the suspect was reported stolen on 03/28/10 from Maplewood and the license plates on the vehicle were stolen from a similar vehicle in Hastings.



The MN Criminal Bureau of Apprehension (BCA) is conducting the investigation of the officer involved shooting. Officer Petersen and Officer Ebeling have been placed on paid administrative leave per department policy. This matter is under investigation and further details will be released when available.

Police Officer/Paramedic Brad Petersen, age 34, has been a member of the Cottage Grove Department of Public Safety for 5 ½ years. Police Officer/Paramedic Shawn Ebeling, age 29, has been a member of the department for three years. Both have prior experience as paramedics.

Any questions can be directed to Cottage Grove Police Administration at 651-458-2850.

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