



# AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

## VEHICLE INVOLVED IN SHOOTING LEADS OFFICERS ON A PURSUIT THAT ENDS IN CRASH NEAR FOX VALLEY MALL

[AURORA, Ill. – February 19, 2020]: The Aurora Police Department is investigating after a vehicle wanted in a shooting Wednesday afternoon led officers on a pursuit and eventually crashed into multiple other vehicles near the Fox Valley Mall.

At 1:30 p.m., officers were responding to a call of shots fired in the 600 block of South Broadway Street. While they were responding to the scene, a description of the suspected vehicle involved in the shooting was relayed over the radio and the vehicle, a grey Monte Carlo, was spotted by an officer.

The officer attempted to perform a traffic stop and activated their emergency lights and siren, but the driver didn't stop. The officer began to pursue the vehicle and other nearby officers assisted. During the course of the pursuit on Aurora's east side, the suspects' vehicle began driving erratically and crossed over into oncoming traffic on East New York Street before it crashed into multiple other vehicles near the Fox Valley Mall.

Three people were inside the suspects' vehicle and were transported by Aurora Fire Department paramedics to Aurora area hospitals. Two were listed in critical condition and the third was listed in stable condition. A fourth person, from one of the vehicles involved in the crash, was transported to an area hospital with very minor injuries.

During the course of the incident, a 35-year-old male suffering from a gunshot wound arrived at an Aurora area hospital. Investigators have determined that he was shot near the scene of the original call of shots fired in the 600 block of South Broadway Street. The Aurora Police Department believes the shooting was gang-related.

Aurora Police detectives responded to the scene and began interviewing potential witnesses, canvassing the area and investigating the specific circumstances of the incident. Evidence Technicians from Aurora Police's Evidence Unit also responded to the scene to identify and collect forensic evidence from the shooting and the crash. Additionally, Aurora Police's Traffic Unit responded to the scene to begin conducting an investigation into the crash.

Investigators from the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force were also called to investigate this incident as the State of Illinois Police and Community Relations Improvement Act requires special investigation provisions for serious injuries or deaths including those involving "an individual's vehicle in the process of apprehension or attempt to apprehend."

East New York Street was shut down for a number of hours between Route 59 and Commons Drive while the incident was investigated. Volunteers from Aurora's Emergency Management Agency provided assistance with road closures throughout the incident.

The investigation is still on-going. Anyone with information or tips on the incident is asked to call the Aurora Police Department Investigations Division at 630-256-5500.

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