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AGGRESSIVE DOG CHARGES AT AURORA POLICE OFFICERS DURING INVESTIGATION

A large aggressive dog charged at Aurora Police officers while they were investigating a domestic violence call on Sunday afternoon, resulting in an officer firing shots at the dog and killing it.

Just after 4:00 p.m., Aurora's Telecommunications Center received multiple 911 calls reporting an on-going physical fight between two people in the 1600 block of Linden Park Lane. Three officers from APD's Patrol Division were dispatched to the area to investigate.

When officers arrived, a male victim was inside a home, and officers could hear a large dog barking inside. The officers asked the man to secure the dog inside so that the man could speak to officers. A few moments later, the man came outside to talk to officers and details the incident.

About 20 minutes later, officers went back to the home's front door to give the man his paperwork, when the large pitbull came running from inside and aggressively charged towards the officers. Fearing for their safety, an officer discharged their weapon at the dog, striking the dog. The dog succumbed to their injuries and passed on the scene.

After the incident, the man told officers that the dog is known to be aggressive and almost bit him today as well.

The suspect from the domestic violence incident fled the scene before officers arrived. The case will be assigned to Detectives from Aurora Police's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, who will follow up on the incident.

Following Aurora Police Department policy, as with all instances of an officer discharging their firearm, a use of force investigation will be completed to determine if the officer complied with departmental policy.

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