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Officer Shot Multiple Times While Conducting Car Stop

At around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010, a Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis Police Officer was shot multiple times while conducting a car stop in the 3700 block of N. Grand. The officer was struck 6-8 times in various parts of the body. He was rushed to an area hospital where he underwent surgery and is now listed in critical condition. His injuries, while serious, are not believed by doctors to be life-threatening.

There were four subjects inside the vehicle at the time of the car stop. As the officer was standing on the passenger side of the vehicle, a backseat male passenger began firing at the officer, striking him multiple times. The officer was able to return fire, but it is unclear if the suspect was struck. The suspect ran from the scene as did the two other passengers, however the two other passengers were located a short time later. The driver of the vehicle was still at the scene when assisting officers arrived.

The suspect was located around 7:00pm in the 5600 block of Delmar. He resisted arrest repeatedly and an officer eventually deployed a Taser however the resistance continued. Officers were finally able to cuff the suspect and take him into custody. He was later taken to a hospital at his request just before 8:00pm and was released from the hospital around midnight. The suspect, Arvon Brown, a 24-year old black male of the 7500 block of Thelma had warrants issued against him for 1st Degree Assault on A Law Enforcement Officer and Armed Criminal Action. The suspect is being held without bond.

The officer is 26 years old and has been a commissioned police officer since October of 2008. Prior to joining the department he served as a United States Marine. He is assigned to the Fifth District as a patrolman.

As we receive additional information regarding the officer's condition it will be released.

The entire incident was captured on an in-car camera system, mounted inside the police officer's vehicle. Officers are reviewing the video to assist in the investigation.

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