



Home Avenue Shooting Incident Police Statement June 6, 2006

Oak Park Police responded at approximately 10 p.m. Monday to a call for radio dispatch assistance from River Forest Police who were in pursuit of a man with a handgun in the 7200 block of Iowa.

The individual was believed to have been involved in a robbery and criminal sexual assault in that neighborhood.

The suspect was later observed on foot near Harlem Avenue and South Boulevard by a Forest Park police officer, who reported he was fleeing into Oak Park. The officer reported observing a handgun in the suspect's possession.

An off-duty Oak Park police detective who had monitored the incident via his police radio advised dispatch that he had observed the subject hiding between parked cars in the 1000 block of Washington Boulevard.

The detective identified himself and ordered the suspect to surrender. The suspect fled on foot with the detective, who was soon joined by another Oak Park police officer, in pursuit southbound on Home Avenue.

As the detective and officer came within a few feet of the suspect, he raised his handgun in an apparent attempt to shoot at his pursuers while continuing to run and accidentally shot himself on the right side of the head. This was at approximately 10:15 p.m.

The suspect, later identified as 21-year-old Fabian Patillo of Chicago, was transported to Loyola hospital. He later died of his injuries.

A 9 millimeter handgun and the single spent cartridge case were recovered at the scene.

The investigation is continuing.

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