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Authorities investigating officer involved shooting

Shreveport Police are investigating the details surrounding a man who was shot during a police officer involved shooting Friday morning in southeast Shreveport.

Shortly before 1:40 a.m. on March 31, 2017, Shreveport Police patrol officers were dispatched to a call of a suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of Albany Avenue. Information provided to responding officers suggested a silver colored, two-door pickup truck had made several passes down the street, raising concerns of local residents who reported recent break-ins in the area. As officers began to respond to the area, a vehicle fitting the description of the reported truck was spotted at the intersection of East Ratcliff Avenue and Alexander Avenue.

After spotting the vehicle, a Shreveport Police patrol officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the truck; however the driver of the vehicle refused to bring the vehicle to a stop, subsequently leading officers on a low speed vehicle pursuit which lasted upwards of 15 minutes. During the pursuit, the driver disregarded traffic signals and left the roadway a number of times. The driver of the vehicle, identified as 41 year old Brian Poole, of the 4400 block of Tibbs Street in Shreveport, eventually brought his vehicle, a 2003 silver Ford Ranger, to a stop in the 900 block of Drexel Drive at Thornhill Avenue. After abruptly exiting the driver's side of his vehicle, Poole is seen reaching in the back bed of his truck. Seconds later, and after refusing the officers commands to show his hands, the patrolman drew his service weapon and fired multiple rounds striking Poole in the upper body. Poole was transported from the scene via ambulance, to University Health where he was treated for his injuries, and is expected to survive. Since the incident, Shreveport Police investigators have been continuing their inquiry into the shooting and the involved officer, whose name will be released at a later date, has been placed on paid departmental leave by Chief of Police Alan Crump, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

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