

**DEPARTMENT of
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PUBLIC
INFORMATION
OFFICE**



**480 Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07108
(973) 733-6008**

**Ras J. Baraka, Mayor
Anthony F. Ambrose, Public Safety Director
Raul Malave III, Assistant Public Safety Director
Arthur Jorge, Deputy Chief of Police Operations
Rufus L. Jackson, Chief of Fire**

For Immediate Release

October 14, 2020

For Further Information, Contact:

Catherine Adams, Sergeant David Dos Santos or Barry Carter

Email: pio@ci.newark.nj.us

Newark Police Officer Injured by Alleged Stolen Auto Suspects

Newark Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose reports that a Newark Police Officer was injured after being dragged by the driver of an alleged stolen vehicle today.

“I am grateful that the officer is currently being treated for his injuries and that he has survived this senseless violence,” Director Ambrose said. “We are actively investigating this incident with assistance from our state, county and local law enforcement partners to locate and apprehend the suspects, who remain at large.”

Just after 9 a.m., an officer patrolling the area of 12th Avenue and South 9th Street approached a suspicious vehicle occupied by two males. The driver accelerated, dragging the officer, who sustained injuries to the knee, neck and chest. The Officer was transported to University Hospital for treatment.

The suspect vehicle, a gray Honda CRV, crashed at 11th Avenue and South 12th Street, with the driver and passenger fleeing the scene on foot into a nearby cemetery. The first suspect is described as a Black male wearing a hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. The second suspect is also described as a Black male. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and had a bag.

Director Ambrose urges anyone with information about this incident or the whereabouts of the suspects to call the Department's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at 1-877-NWK-TIPS. All anonymous Crime Stopper tips are kept confidential and could result in a reward.

Anonymous tips may also be made using the Police Division's website at: www.newarkpd.org or through the Newark Police Division Smartphone App available at iTunes and Google Play.