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Suspect in standoff with police shot after pointing gun at officers

A suspect in a standoff with police at the corner of Hayshed Lane and Tamar Drive in Columbia was shot after pointing a gun at officers.

At approximately 7:05 a.m., a 911 caller informed police that a man with a gun was on his way to an address in Columbia. According to the caller, the man had threatened to kill family members and himself and had referenced committing suicide by cop.

Officers were dispatched to the area and at 7:28 a.m. they spotted a green Jeep Cherokee that matched the description given by the caller. The driver, a white male that appeared to be in his 40s, refused to get out of the vehicle. The man told police that he had a gun and intended to hurt himself. He then held the gun to his head.

Officers began setting up a perimeter and called for negotiators.

At 8:16 a.m., the man exited the vehicle and pointed the gun at two groups of officers nearby. An officer fired one shot, striking the suspect in the torso. Police tactical medics, who are officers specially trained to provide immediate care, were already on scene and provided immediate aid.

The man was transported by helicopter to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. He is not being identified at this time as police are in the process of notifying his family.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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