Dayton Police investigating incident where suspect shot at two officers prior to being rescued from the Great Miami River

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On Sunday, April 1, 2018, at approximately 1:00 a.m., two Dayton Police Department officers were on patrol in the area of Kenwood Avenue and Redfern Avenue when they observed a white Buick Regal with dark window tint in violation of Ohio Revised Code. The officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Kenwood Avenue, when the vehicle came to a sudden stop and the driver then fired multiple rounds at the officers. The vehicle then fled at a high rate of speed.

Officers pursued the vehicle for approximately two minutes. Subsequently, the suspect's vehicle traveled over the river embankment into the Great Miami River in the area of Forest and West Riverview Avenues. As the vehicle was floating down the river, the suspect exited the vehicle, entered the water, and made an attempt to avoid the officers. The officers were able to convince the suspect to swim to shore, where the officers used an emergency flotation device to assist him to safety.

The Dayton Fire Department arrived and transported the suspect to a local hospital for treatment, due to the traffic crash and exposure to the cold water. The suspect was treated for non-life threatening injuries and is now in police custody. The Dayton Fire Department personnel worked in conjunction with the tow company to retrieve the vehicle from the river. During the recovery of the vehicle, a trapped dog was also rescued.

The Homicide Unit and Crash Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and are conducting the criminal and traffic crash investigations. The suspect, Chase Younger, was booked for two counts of Felonious Assault on Peace Officers. Charges will be presented to the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office. As is standard procedure during pursuits where there are injuries or serious crashes, the Professional Standards Bureau will conduct an administrative review of the incident.

It is fortunate that no citizens or Dayton public safety personnel were seriously injured during this incident. This is the second incident in the last two weeks where Dayton Police Officers were fired upon during traffic encounters.

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