Travis County Sheriff’s Office Pursuit Ends In Shooting In Bastrop County

At about 10:35pm last night deputies became involved in a pursuit after being fired on by a person in a vehicle near Hwy 183 and FM 812. During the course of the pursuit the suspect vehicle struck a Sheriff’s Patrol Vehicle causing it to leave the roadway causing extensive damage to the vehicle and minor injuries to the Deputy. He was transported to the hospital, treated and released. Other deputies continued with the pursuit, which reached speeds of 100 mph, on FM 812 and onto Hwy 21 West.

The suspect vehicle stopped in the 800 Block of Hwy 21 West. The driver exited the vehicle and started firing at the pursuing deputies. The deputies returned fire striking the suspect. Austin/Travis County EMS StarFlight was at the scene to assist in the pursuit. They landed and started treating the suspect however he succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene at about 11:25pm.

The lead investigating agency in this case is the Texas Rangers, with the Bastrop County Sheriff’s Office assisting. The Travis County Sheriff’s Office Major Crimes Unit and Internal Affairs Unit will do a parallel investigation. The case, when finished, will be presented to the Bastrop County Grand Jury for review. All deputies involved have been placed on restrictive duty until the investigation is complete.

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