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On April 21, 2008 at approx. 2235 hrs officers of Northern District were on routine patrol in the area of Ritchie Hwy. North near Franklin Ave. when a traffic stop was initiated on a grey 4-door vehicle. The driver was asked to exit the vehicle and was subsequently placed under arrest for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Back up officers arrived at the scene at which time the front seat passenger of the vehicle was asked to exit the vehicle. He got out of the vehicle but then fled on foot east bound on Franklin Ave. One of the officers at the traffic stop initiated a foot pursuit with the passenger. The officer was able to make contact with the suspect and a struggle ensued. During the struggle the suspect fired a gun at the officer. The officer, fearing for his immediate safety, returned fire and the suspect was again able to flee from the officer. Upon the arrival of additional officers a perimeter was set up. The suspect was later found lying in the area and it was determined that he received several gunshot wounds to the upper-body. He was transported to the Baltimore Shock Trauma Center where he is being treated for his wounds.

The suspect is currently in police custody at the hospital and charges are pending against him. ***He is described as a 26 year-old male from Baltimore City. He sustained non-life threatening gunshot wounds to his upper-body.*** Police did recover a revolver type handgun that was allegedly used by the suspect in the shooting.

The driver of the vehicle is being charged with possession of marijuana. He has been identified as:

Darrell Lee Johnson (25 years old)
2107 Elsinore Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

He was charged with possession of marihuana. He is **NOT** being charged in connection with the shooting at this time.

The officer involved in the shooting has been identified as Officer Russell Hewitt, who is a 3-½ year veteran of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. He was not injured during the incident. He is currently on administrative leave pending the results of the initial investigation.

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