



Press Release

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KPD Officer Involved Shooting (Update)

Kilgore, TX -- On August 1st, 2011 at approximately 07:38 A.M. the Kilgore Police Department Telecommunications Center received a 911 telephone call from a person who stated his father had been kidnapped and was being held at a next door neighbors residence. The caller requested help and gave a location of 1216 North Street, Kilgore, Texas. Kilgore Police Officers Dee Ann Brown and Corporal David Tucker were sent to 1216 North Street, Kilgore, Texas as a result of this call. Upon arrival officers soon discovered the caller, identified by immediate family members as Jamel Joseph Freeman, 19 years of age, was possibly suffering from some type of mental illness and the reported kidnapping did not occur. Officer Dee Ann Brown was attempting to contact mental health personnel when Jamel Freeman attacked Officer Brown and Corporal Tucker with a kitchen type knife. Corporal Tucker was stabbed in the left shoulder. Officer Brown was stabbed in the neck and back of the head after being thrown to the ground. As Jamel Freeman was stabbing Officer Brown, Corporal Tucker shot Jamel Freeman. Jamel Freeman was found to be deceased on scene with the arrival of additional police and fire personnel.

Both Kilgore Police Officers were transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview Texas by Champion EMS. Officer Brown was treated for stab wounds to her neck and head. Corporal Tucker was treated for a stab wound to his left shoulder. At the time of this press release, Officer Brown has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home. Corporal Tucker is still being treated at the hospital.

Corporal Tucker has served as a Police Officer with the City of Kilgore for 19 years. Officer Brown has served for 15 years.

Investigation is ongoing and being conducted by the Texas Rangers with assistance from the Gregg County Sheriff's Office.