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Domestic Violence Suspect Arrested After Hitting Officer with his Vehicle

San Diego – Officers responded to a domestic violence incident where a woman was hit, threatened, and cut on the hand with a knife by her husband. As officers approached on foot, the suspect got into his Jeep and struck an officer before crashing into a parked vehicle. The officer was hospitalized, and the suspect was arrested.

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, at approximately 10:10 a.m., the San Diego Police Department received a radio call of a domestic violence at a residence in the 3500 block of Inez Street in the Wooded Area neighborhood of San Diego. The victim and the suspect are married. According to the initial radio call, the suspect had hit, threatened, and cut the victim on the hand with a knife. The suspect also broke her phone while she was calling 911. The victim and another family member, who was with her at the time of the incident, left the residence together.

As officers arrived and approached the residence on foot, the suspect got into his vehicle and began to drive away. The suspect quickly swerved directly at an officer and struck him with the vehicle, which caused injuries that required the officer to be taken to the hospital. The suspect vehicle then crashed into a mailbox and a nearby parked vehicle. The other officers were then able to take the suspect into custody. This was captured on video by a law enforcement helicopter.

Due to the serious attempt on the life of an officer, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit responded to investigate per normal practice and procedure. Detectives processed the scene to collect evidence, interviewed witnesses, and worked to determine the exact facts surrounding this incident.

The victim of the domestic violence is described as a 64-year-old white female. She was not hospitalized for her injuries. Her name will not be released at this time.

The officer who was injured has been employed by San Diego Police for just over five years. He is currently assigned to Western Division patrol. He suffered injuries to his right wrist and right leg. Fortunately, these injuries are going to be non-life-threatening. He is still in the hospital receiving treatment. His name will not be released at this time.

The suspect is identified as William Stephens. He is described as a 65-year-old white male. He was booked into Jail for attempted murder of a police officer and domestic violence charges including assault with a deadly weapon and dissuading a witness.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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