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Lakeland Police Officers Involved in Shooting Incident

Three Lakeland Police Officers were involved in a shooting that occurred at 4514 Micanope Crescent Drive at approximately 11:41 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Bruce Wooley, age 58, was home alone and contacted his sister by telephone in North Carolina. Wooley made statements to his sister that he was “armed and wanted to die”, but didn’t want “to do it”. Wooley’s sister contacted police who responded to the area and established a perimeter.

Police established telephone contact with Wooley who advised that he was okay and did not intend to harm himself, but that he was “wanted to get some beer”. Officers observed Wooley leave his residence and enter a vehicle car carrying a shotgun. Wooley then began driving erratically through the neighborhood. Wooley then returned to his residence where he got out of his vehicle with the shotgun in his possession and pointed the gun at a Lakeland Police Officer. All three officers then fired upon Wooley.

Wooley was struck by gunfire and disarmed. Wooley was found to be armed with two other guns, one in a shoulder holster. There were indications that Wooley had been drinking alcohol, but the amount is unknown. Wooley was conscious and speaking at the scene. Wooley was transported to Lakeland Regional Medical Center where he was admitted. Wooley’s condition at this time is unknown. fc

Wooley’s family has been notified of his condition and has been cooperative in this investigation. This investigation is ongoing. No additional information will be released tonight.

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