

Details emerge from Thursday Alamogordo police shooting

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ALAMOGORDO, N.M. – A gun fight between New Mexico State Police and two Alamogordo man ended Thursday without injuries to all involved.

Otero County Sheriff's Office and Alamogordo Department of Public Safety assisted in taking LaBruce Powell, 35, and Travis Powell, 31, both of Alamogordo, were taken into custody after a tense late evening standoff.

Shortly after 11 pm, New Mexico State Police uniformed officers in Alamogordo were alerted to a silver GMC SUV that fled the U.S. Border Patrol check point on U.S. 70 and was being pursued by Border Patrol and Otero County Sheriff's deputies towards Alamogordo.

State Police responded to assist in the pursuit. During the course of the pursuit, which led officers through Alamogordo city limits and was ultimately contained on the Alamogordo bypass, suspects in the GMC fired multiple gunshots on several occasions from the vehicle towards officers and deputies.

A New Mexico State Police officer continued to pursue the vehicle on the Alamogordo bypass around mile post 4 where the suspects again fired at the State Police officer.



At some point during the exchange, the State Police officer discharged his department issued

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rifle. The State Police officers were able to successfully employ a pursuit intervention technique on the fleeing vehicle and bring the pursuit to a safe end with no injuries to officers or suspects.

LaBruce Powell was charged for two counts of shooting at or from a Motor Vehicle, five counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Criminal Damage to Property over \$1,000.

Travis Powell was charged with Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer and Reckless Driving.

The investigation is active with officers still to be interviewed by New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau. The State Police officer who fired his weapon has been placed on standard administrative leave.

No additional information is currently available to include the officers name and the details of the shooting which will be released via press release as it becomes available.

Through investigation it was also revealed that the suspect vehicle matched the description of a vehicle involved in an earlier aggravated battery with a deadly weapon incident involving the Alamogordo DPS where it was reported the suspects were firing a weapon from the vehicle at officers and civilians in Alamogordo.