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INCIDENT: Attempted Murder (1215 Bunnell Street)

CASE #: 17-1594

On Tuesday, May 16th at approximately 3:30pm, Fairbanks Police Department detectives were in the area of 1215 Bunnell Street working on an unrelated case when they witnessed an attempted murder.

FPD Detectives saw a silver pickup truck with three occupants pull into 1215 Bunnell Street. The driver, a dark skinned male in a white t-shirt, exited the vehicle, confronted the victim, and threatened him with a handgun that ultimately discharged. The suspect got back into the vehicle, resumed driving and sped off with the other two occupants. Detectives alerted other officers and began a pursuit.

Fairbanks Police and Alaska State Troopers chased the vehicle to the area of Chena Hot Springs Road between the Steese Highway and Bias Drive. The vehicle turned into a residential area off Bias Drive and officers lost site of the vehicle for a short period. The vehicle reappeared in the area and officers were able to stop it. The suspect was no longer in the vehicle, but the other two occupants were detained.

Investigation revealed that SHAE-LYN NICHOLE PROBERT (5/22/1995) took over driving after the suspect fled from the vehicle. PROBERT was charged with Hindering Prosecution. The other occupant was later released.

FPD officers, Alaska State Troopers, and HELO 1 searched the area for the suspect but were unable to locate him.

FPD continued to investigate the incident and at approximately 8:20 pm, officers located the suspect in a wooded area of Birch Hill Road at Shenandoah Drive. The suspect fled through the wooded residential area toward the Steese Highway. At approximately 9:00 pm, the suspect was subsequently contacted in the woods between Old Steese Highway and Farmers Loop Road. VINCENT EDWARD NELSON (5/22/1978) was apprehended without incident and taken to Fairbanks Correctional Center.

NELSON was charged with Attempted Murder and Failure to Stop in the First Degree.

There were no injuries as a result of the shooting.

The Fairbanks Police Department would like to thank the Alaska State Troopers and the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center for their assistance with this incident.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Peyton Merideth at 907-450-6553 or pmerideth@fairbanks.us.

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