

SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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FROM: Chief Ann Wellens
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On Wednesday, March 17, 2010 the South Milwaukee Police Department received an alleged child pornography complaint at approximately 5:30pm.

While a South Milwaukee officer was conducting surveillance of the suspect's residence the suspect exited their residence and left in their vehicle.

When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle the suspect fled. The suspect traveled into the City of Cudahy with officers from South Milwaukee following. At the intersection of Hwy 32 and College Avenue (the South Milwaukee/Cudahy border) the suspect vehicle ran a red light and struck a vehicle which was making a north bound turn onto Hwy 32.

After the accident the suspect was found deceased in their vehicle from a self inflicted gun shot. Ms. Grochowski, victim/witness, stated she heard a single gun shot after the two vehicles in the accident came to a rest.

A 23 year old Cudahy female was injured in the accident: Jennifer Grochowski. She was transported to Froedert Hospital with minor injuries and was released.

The suspect/deceased has been identified as:

Douglas J. Fairbanks
m/w 40 years of age
South Milwaukee

The original complaint is still under investigation.

Thank you to the Cudahy Police Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol for their assistance.