



**Hays County Sheriff's Office and Buda Police Department
News Release**

Sept. 5, 2023

For Immediate Release

On Sept. 5, 2023, at 3:59 A.M., a Buda Police Department Officer made a traffic stop in the 15000 block of IH-35 in Buda. The suspect exited his vehicle and reportedly pointed a firearm at the Buda PD Officer, who then fired at the suspect. The Buda PD Officer called for assistance as a foot pursuit ensued. Additional gunfire was exchanged as officers pursued the suspect.

Hays County Sheriff Deputies responded to the scene and assisted Buda PD in trying to locate the suspect. The suspect was located a short time later and continued to flee from law enforcement. Hays County Sheriff Deputies engaged the suspect at which time they discharged their firearms at the suspect. The suspect was struck multiple times and fell to the ground. Responding officers immediately started life-saving measures and called EMS. The suspect was taken into custody and was transported to a local hospital, where he remained in critical condition.

The Texas Rangers were called to the scene and are conducting a neutral investigation of the incident in conjunction with the Buda Police Department and Hays County Sheriff's Office.

The Hays County Sheriff's Office Deputies involved in the incident have been reassigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of the investigation. Buda Police Officers have been placed on paid administrative leave in accordance with department policy.

The east access at Main Street and IH-35 as well as the east side Frontage Road remains closed while investigators continue processing the scene.

Buda Police Department and Hays County Sheriff's Office will hold a joint press conference TODAY at 2 p.m. at Buda Police Department located at 405 East Loop Street, Building 200. Members of the media should call 512-523-1052 to confirm attendance at the press conference.

Members of the public who have information regarding this investigation may contact Lieutenant Barry Lee with the Buda Police Department at 512-393-7896 or blee@budatx.gov. You can also contact Crime Stoppers anonymously by calling 1-800-324-8466. You can submit your information online to Tip Line [P3tips.com](https://www.P3tips.com) or submit a tip on the new Hays County Sheriff's Office App.

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