

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Update: Deputy Involved Shooting

At 5:35pm on September 22, 2011, Kanisha Edwards was driving a black 2005 Pontiac Gran Prix on West Tennessee Street just west of Capital Circle. Ms. Edwards contacted the Leon County Sheriff's Office after her car was struck by a dark colored 2004 Chevrolet truck. The driver of the truck fled the scene and Ms. Edwards followed. Ms. Edwards was able to keep the truck in sight while alerting deputies of the suspect's location. Within four minutes, Deputy Michael Crego was on scene and located the suspect, who was still in the truck.

When Deputy Crego asked the driver, Fernando Lazaro, 29, to step out of the vehicle, Lazaro refused and began accelerating the vehicle directly towards the deputy. Deputy Crego fired multiple shots at Lazaro, striking him twice (once in the area of each shoulder). Lazaro was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and is currently being treated for his injuries.

Deputies and detectives collected forensic evidence from multiple scenes, conducted witness interviews and reconstructed the shooting incident, which occurred near the eastern end of Dome Level Road. Deputies also determined that the truck driven by Lazaro was reported stolen.

Internal and criminal investigations are continuing at this time and criminal charges for Lazaro are forthcoming. More information will be made available in the future.

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