Burglary Suspect Injures Officer and Steals Police Vehicle

Today at approximately 12 noon, officers responded to the area of 48 Baldwin Street for a burglary in progress. As officers arrived they observed two (2) suspects fleeing on foot. Officers pursued the suspects and quickly apprehended Duane Quarles Jr. (24 years of age from Plainfield, NJ) The second suspect led officers on a foot chase through several yards and jumped into a marked police vehicle parked on Comstock Street. As the suspect pulled away with the police vehicle he struck the officer who was standing outside the vehicle. The police vehicle was located a short time later on Evergreen Drive. The investigation is ongoing as officers continue the search for the second suspect. The second suspect is described as an African-American male wearing blue thermal underwear.

The struck officer received minor injuries and was treated at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. As a result of the investigation, Duane Quarles Jr. is charged with Burglary, Eluding, Conspiracy to Commit Attempted Murder, Obstruction, Resisting Arrest, Aggravated Assault on Police, and Theft. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the New Brunswick Police Detective Bureau at (732) 745-5217 or (732) 745-5200.

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