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MEDIA OUTLET: Sun Sentinel

HEADLINE: Bond set for driver shot by Broward deputy during arrest

BYLINE: Rebeca Piccardo and Linda Trischitta

LINK: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-lauderdale-by-the-sea-deputy-involved-shooting-20160921-story.html>

STORY: A Broward Sheriff's deputy fired a weapon Wednesday afternoon when a man resisted arrest and struck the deputy with his car, the sheriff's office said.

The man has been identified as Michael A. Mainolfi, 51.

Mainolfi was booked into Broward's Main Jail shortly before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday on several charges including aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, resisting an officer with violence and reckless driving.

During a first-appearance court hearing Thursday, bonds totaling more than \$160,000 were set for Mainolfi based on the current allegations against him and his past criminal history.

"These are extremely serious charges. I'm very concerned about the safety of the community," Judge Michael Davis said in setting bond and conditions for Mainolfi's release should he be able leave jail.

The incident began just before 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Dolphin Harbor Inn Motel, 4245 N. Ocean Drive in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

A deputy from the sheriff's crime suppression team tried to arrest a driver wanted on charges of aggravated fleeing and eluding authorities, spokeswoman Veda Coleman-Wright said.

Instead of following the deputy's command to get out of his car, he backed his car into the deputy and the deputy's car. When the driver, since identified as Mainolfi, backed his car into the deputy, the deputy fired his gun, hitting Mainolfi in his upper arm, Broward Sheriff Scott Israel said.

"The subject chose a path of resistance and backed his vehicle not only into the deputy's vehicle, but struck our deputy," Israel said Wednesday.

The driver fled the motel parking lot, leading other deputies in a chase that ended about 1.5 miles west in the parking lot of Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. The driver lost control of his white Ford Focus and crashed into two parked cars there, Israel said.

Mainolfi was taken to Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale; the deputy was taken to Broward Health Imperial Point, also in Fort Lauderdale. Their injuries are not life-threatening.

This is the third time this month the Broward Sheriff's Office has reported that a deputy fired a gun while on duty. In those incidents, one man was killed, a 17-year-old boy was wounded and a deputy was injured.

"We live in a violent world and these things are happening all over America," Israel said. "Each shooting, each use of force, needs to be looked at and investigated on its own merit. We can't say something that happened in Ferguson or happened in Tulsa is related to what happened here in Broward County."

The sheriff's office has not released the names of the deputies who were involved in those shootings, which happened Sept. 9 and Sept. 12 in Pompano Beach.

On Wednesday, Coleman-Wright said the names of the deputies would be released once the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which is handling the investigations, takes statements from the deputies.

MEDIA OUTLET: Sun Sentinel

HEADLINE: Hallandale now has 3 commissioners under investigation

BYLINE: Susannah Bryan

LINK: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/hallandale/fl-investigation-cloud-hallandale-20160921-story.html>

STORY: The political turmoil snaking through City Hall has ensnared two more of Hallandale's five commissioners.

Commissioners Keith London and Michele Lazarow are under investigation by the Broward State Attorney's Office for possible violations of the state's Sunshine Law, agency spokesman Ron Ishoy said this week.

Prosecutors are looking into a complaint sent to their office by Mayor Joy Cooper over the summer.

"They are breaching the Sunshine Law and this is not something new," Cooper told the Sun Sentinel. "It is a disgrace. And at least, finally, someone is looking into it."

Before the start of Wednesday's commission meeting, London gave the Sun Sentinel a statement accusing the mayor — his longtime nemesis — of making false allegations and playing political games.

"I intend to speak to the state attorney as soon as possible so that they can close their inquiry in the false allegations made by the mayor," London's statement said.

Lazarow declined to comment, referring questions to her attorney, Brian Silber.

"Commissioner Lazarow is an outstanding member of the Hallandale commission and has done a lot of good for her community," Silber said. "She denies any wrongdoing and looks forward to the opportunity to challenge these allegations."

In a letter dated July 6, Cooper accuses her two political rivals of breaking the state law that prohibits public officials from privately discussing matters that will come before them. Cooper claims Lazarow knew which item London wanted pulled from the agenda during a City Hall meeting April 18.

"It is my understanding that commissioners/board members are not to discuss items that will become before them," Cooper wrote. "It is obvious and was heard by those seated next to Board Member Lazarow she had first-hand knowledge of what item Board Member London was going to pull."

London and Lazarow are not the only Hallandale Beach commissioners under criminal investigation. Commissioner Bill Julian has been under investigation since Aug. 26. The State Attorney's Office confirmed the investigation just three days after WPLG-Ch. 10 aired a report stating Julian had been caught on audiotape saying he might have taken favors from a developer.

Julian has told the Sun Sentinel he will be vindicated, but has declined further comment.

His 92-year-old mother, Elsie Julian, died just a few hours before Wednesday's commission meeting, so he was not present.

Julian and Lazarow are seeking re-election Nov. 8.

Julian has one opponent, real estate broker Anabelle Taub. Lazarow is facing two challengers, former commissioner Alex Lewy and retiree Ann Henigson.

Lewy confronted Lazarow with news of the investigation Tuesday during candidate interviews with the Sun Sentinel Editorial Board.

Lazarow was taken aback, saying she knew nothing about an investigation.

Cooper, an ally of Julian's, told the Sun Sentinel in late August that she was meeting with prosecutors in reference to London and Lazarow, but would not disclose specifics at the time.

Lewy said Cooper told him about the investigation a week ago.

"This is clearly disturbing," Lewy said late Tuesday. "[London and Lazarow] are constantly communicating and going into the back room together."

At least one resident thinks both inquiries are related to the city's upcoming election.

"It's politics in Hallandale," said Bob Selz, a regular at City Hall. "I'm not surprised. So much of all this is just hearsay. We'll see what the investigation says."

Sam Kaplan, a resident since 1980, agreed.

"It's just politics," he said. "That's all it is."

MEDIA OUTLET: Sun Sentinel

HEADLINE: Moving out of city, Parkland city commissioner resigns

BYLINE: Lisa J. Huriash

LINK: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-parkland-commissioner-resigns-brf-20160921-story.html>

STORY: Parkland City Commissioner Mark Weissman resigned from his commission seat Wednesday because he has moved from the city.

His house in the Whittier Oaks neighborhood sold Tuesday, and he and his wife moved to a hotel in Boca Raton until the condo they purchased near the ocean in the city of South Palm Beach is ready. His seat was up in November because of term limits. "The house sold faster than we thought," he said.

Weissman served on the City Commission from 1996 to 2000, then served in the Legislature and on the commission since 2006. His wife briefly qualified to run for his seat, but dropped out. "We decided it was time to relocate," he said. "Our kids are grown and we're moving to the beach."

MEDIA OUTLET: Sun Sentinel

HEADLINE: Deputy Broward administrator leaving for Savannah

BYLINE: Brittany Wallman

LINK: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-hernandez-resignation-broward-20160921-story.html>

STORY: The No. 2 official in Broward County government has resigned, after accepting a job in Georgia.

Roberto "Rob" Hernandez, deputy county administrator, said in a letter to County Administrator Bertha Henry earlier this month that it was with "great sorrow" he submits his resignation.

Hernandez was responsible for a large portion of county government, and also brokered the deal with the Florida Panthers that increased the hockey club's public subsidy but helped ensure the team would stay.

In a handwritten note on the resignation letter, he thanked Henry for mentoring him, and giving him "the tough tasks to take on, like the arena."

Besides the deputy position, Henry has two assistant county administrators, Monica Cepero and Alphonso Jefferson, and two assistants to the county administrator, Gretchen Cassini and Alan Cohen.

Hernandez has been the deputy in Coral Springs and in Atlanta's Fulton County. But he said his professional goal was to be in the top position.

"I'm not getting any younger and the years are just flying by, so this was the right time and the right community," the 50-year-old Hernandez said in an email recently. "I did not want to take any city manager or county manager job just for the sake of it, unless the community was right. Savannah is a nice town with lots of positive attributes and challenges, too."

Hernandez's resignation is effective Oct. 9.

MEDIA OUTLET: Broward Beat

HEADLINE: City Finds Giving Teachers Extra Cash Is Not Easy

BYLINE: Buddy Nevins

LINK: <http://www.browardbeat.com/city-finds-giving-teachers-extra-cash-is-not-easy/>

STORY: Giving money away has never been this hard!

Mayor Michael Udine of Parkland suggested Wednesday that \$25,000 in city money be set aside to pay bonuses to “dedicated teachers at Douglas High School for their extra time helping our students.”

Not so fast, he was told.

Before he brought his idea to the city commission, a vigorous debate erupted on a Parkland schools Internet page.

While clearly many residents liked the idea, a number who wrote comments had misgivings.

One parent asked, what about teachers in the rest of Parkland’s schools? Another Northwest Broward resident warned that any bonus would exasperate the gaps between wealthy and poor neighborhood schools.

A skeptic said the Broward Teachers Union would never allow the teachers to be paid bonuses at one school over another.

“City of Parkland gave millions for stadium lights, computers capital improvements the list goes on and on. Why can’t we try and help the teachers, if we can?” Udine wrote.

“Payroll is different than capital improvements! When our computer specialist was removed years ago, PTA wanted to fund it. Big no from the county (School system). Anyone who works in a school is a county employee and paid as a county employee,” a parent answered.

Later at Wednesday night’s meeting, School Board member Abbe Freedman thanked Udine and recommended that Parkland should work through the school system’s non-profit charity — the Broward Education Foundation.

Like so much in government, a final commission decision was put off to a later date.

“I will await to hear back from my City attorney and see what he advises as my intent is to see that the teachers get the money in their pockets with as little red tape as possible,” Udine said.

MEDIA OUTLET: Miami Herald

HEADLINE: Second shooting in four days involving Broward deputy

BYLINE: David J. Neal and Carli Teproff

LINK: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/broward/article101347977.html>

STORY: For the second time in four days, a Broward sheriff's deputy in Pompano Beach was involved in a shooting.

Monday's shooting happened in the 800 block of Hammondville Road, according to BSO.

According to BSO, 17-year-old Dalvin Williams attempted to run over a deputy, sped from scene and lost control of the car. He then took off on foot.

He was later captured and taken to a nearby hospital with a bullet wound to his shoulder, where he was treated and released.

He was booked into the Juvenile Assessment Center this evening facing charges of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and grand theft.

Sheriff Scott Israel announced at a news conference Monday that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will investigate the shooting and all other police-involved shootings in the future.

On Friday night, Gregory Frazier died from BSO bullets in a backyard after an argument with his niece prompted his sister, Deborah Frazier, to call the sheriff's office. Deborah Frazier told Herald news partner CBS4 that Frazier had only "a rusty pocket knife" and said the three deputies had alternatives less lethal than shooting Frazier.

MEDIA OUTLET: Hollywood Gazette

HEADLINE: Hollywood passes tight budget for FY 2017 with cuts in all departments, 48 positions frozen and a reduction of services

BYLINE: David Volz

LINK: <http://www.hollywoodgazette.com/wp/index.php/hollywood-passes-tight-budget-fy-2017-cuts-departments-48-positions-frozen-reduction-services/>

STORY: At a recent hearing, Hollywood Commission members agreed upon and passed a tight budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. The millage rate remains 7.4479 as it has been for the past six years.

“The budget development process for Fiscal Year 2017 has been an unusually difficult one,” said City Manager Dr. Wazir Ishmael.

In June, the City was facing a \$20 million shortfall. Major cuts were made in the FY 2017 budget including the freezing of 48 positions, of which nine were sworn police officers; 14 were civil service personnel in the police department and seven were certified fire fighters. Department heads had to cut their budgets by five percent. Hollywood leaders believe they can save \$705,000 by reducing training and travel expenses.

Also, the City hopes to collect about \$400,000 with their newly instated ambulance transport fees. When a resident calls 911 and needs basic care but does not need to go the hospital, residents will be charged \$160 and non-residents will be charged \$200.

The City realized reductions in the debt services millage, which decreased from 0.3198 to 0.2884 mills due to the refunding of outstanding FY 2005 General Obligation Bonds. This decreased the overall millage rate to 7.7363. down from 7.7677 as compared to FY 2016. The fire assessment fee is increasing slightly to \$222 per residential unit for FY 2017 from \$209 in the previous fiscal year. The Fire Inspection Fee remains unchanged at \$17.

For the first time in Hollywood’s history, the ‘All Funds Operating Budget’ surpassed half a billion dollars, totaling \$509,521,122. The General Fund Operating Budget alone totals \$239,369,585. Hollywood taxpayers will pay \$53 million over the next year for pension costs for police, fire and general employees.

“Staff did an amazing job with this budget,” said Commissioner Traci Callari.

But at the hearing City Manager Dr. Wazir Ishmael stressed that this year’s scramble shouldn’t be repeated.

“This ad hoc short term approach to planning, organizing, financing and implementing the operations and services of a large full-service city cannot continue. The city is at a pivotal crossroads in its life,” said Ishmael.

Also worth noting is the City’s underdeveloped and imbalanced tax base. Ishmael explains that these problems must be addressed in the coming fiscal year to ensure a financially sound municipal corporation. “These changes will involve difficult recommendations, decisions and actions for elected

officials, city administration, staff, labor groups, pension plans and residents of Hollywood,” said Ishmael.

The gradual increase of pension costs, health care benefits and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBS), is becoming difficult for the city keep up with.

Other major fiscal challenges include:

- No pension cost offset, \$10.4 million
- Increased health care costs, \$6.8 million
- Loss of chapter funds, \$2.6 million
- Loss of Seminole compact, \$900,000
- Fire pension costs, \$2.5 million
- Police pension costs, \$618,000

Most of the money for the General Fund comes from property taxes and for this year, the amount collected from property taxes for this Fund will be just over \$95 million. The taxable value of property in Hollywood is around \$13.2 billion.

A pension task force for each of the City’s three pension plans; police, fire and general employees is being established and will begin meeting after the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1. Each of the task force groups will be made up of a city representative, pension administrative representative, actuary, trustee (a pension board member), and a retiree who is receiving a pension.

MEDIA OUTLET: CBS Miami (Channel 4)

HEADLINE: Man Who Struck Deputy With Car To Appear Before Judge

BYLINE: CBS Miami

LINK: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2016/09/22/man-who-struck-deputy-with-car-to-appear-before-judge/>

STORY: FORT LAUDERDALE (CBSMiami) – A man shot by a Broward sheriff’s deputy after he hit him with his car will go before a judge on Thursday.

Michael Mainolfi is facing a number of charges including aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest and reckless driving.

Wednesday afternoon a Broward sheriff’s deputy spotted Mainolfi, 51, sitting in his car in the parking lot of the Dolphin Harbor Inn Motel in Lauderdale by the Sea. Mainolfi was wanted for aggravated fleeing and petit theft. When the deputy approached Mainolfi’s car, the wanted man reacted.

“That’s when the suspect backed into and struck the officer with his vehicle, forcing the deputy to open fire,” said Sheriff Scott Israel said. “The suspect was shot in the arm and took off, eventually driving to Holy Cross, where he allegedly struck other vehicles in the parking lot.”

Mainolfi was then taken into custody.

The injured deputy was taken to Broward Health Imperial Point. Mainolfi was transported to Broward Health Medical Center.

The incident marks the third BSO deputy-involved shooting in 12 days. In one case a man was killed, in the other a 17-year-old and a deputy was injured.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will investigate the shootings.

MEDIA OUTLET: CBS Miami (Channel 4)

HEADLINE: BSO: Shots Fired After Wanted Suspect Struck Deputy With Car

BYLINE: CBS Miami

LINK: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2016/09/21/bso-deputy-shot-in-ft-lauderdale-suspect-in-custody/>

STORY: FORT LAUDERDALE (CBSMiami) – An investigation is underway after a Broward Sheriff’s deputy was forced to fire on a suspect in Fort Lauderdale.

The incident marks the third BSO deputy-involved shooting in 12 days.

What began in Lauderdale by the Sea Wednesday afternoon culminated at the parking lot of the Holy Cross Medical Center campus at 1900 E. Commercial Blvd, following a police pursuit.

The suspect, wanted on aggravated fleeing and eluding and petit theft, was first spotted by authorities sitting in his car.

“One of our deputies, exercising due diligence and keen awareness to detail, observed a subject he knew to be wanted for aggravated fleeing inside his vehicle. Deputies set up at a nearby hotel and they watched the subject inside his vehicle,” said Broward Sheriff Scott Israel.

The deputy then approached the wanted man.

“That’s when the suspect backed into and struck the officer with his vehicle, forcing the deputy to open fire,” Sheriff Israel said. “The suspect was shot in the arm and took off, eventually driving to Holy Cross, where he allegedly struck other vehicles in the parking lot.”

The injured deputy was taken to an area hospital. The suspect was transported to Broward Health Medical Center. Both are expected to be OK.

Lynn Hoarty was working in the medical building at the time. She said the man who owns one of the cars that was hit had just left his vehicle about two minutes prior to impact.

“He just walked in for his appointment,” Hoarty said. “He was sitting there waiting.”

Shirley Moses-Jones was also at work as a patient coordinator. She took the damage to her vehicle in stride.

“It’s things that happen in life,” she said. “You never know what’s gonna happen on a daily basis and if you’re part of the incident just be grateful you wasn’t harmed.”

While the recent shootings by BSO deputies are not connected, Sheriff Israel says it’s critical for the community to remember that law enforcement shootings here and elsewhere across the country must be looked at individually to understand the proper context.

“The most important thing to remember is each shooting, each use of force needs to be looked at, investigated on its own merit,” Israel said.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will investigate this shooting as well as the other recent BSO deputy shootings.

Investigators have not released the names of the deputy and the man shot – only saying they are both white men.

MEDIA OUTLET: CBS Miami (Channel 4)

HEADLINE: Pay Raises Sought For FDLE Officers

BYLINE: CBS Miami

LINK: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2016/09/22/pay-raises-sought-for-fdle-officers/>

STORY: TALLAHASSEE (CBSMiami) – Under a proposal that it sure to face scrutiny from lawmakers, many state law enforcement officers would get a bump in pay.

As part of his agency’s legislative proposals for 2017, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Rick Swearingen said this week he will seek a \$10,000 hike in the base pay for officers. Starting pay is currently \$46,000.

The proposal would also incrementally adjust the salaries of agents who have been with FDLE from two to eight years, Swearingen said.

State lawmakers received a report last week that projected a budget surplus of just \$7.5 million next year. The law enforcement agency’s spending proposal would require an additional \$20 million to its current \$293 million budget.

“I ask for what we need,” Swearingen said. “Where the money comes from falls on the Legislature.”

Almost half of the request would come from money set aside in trust funds rather than from general revenue, he said. Among other proposals, Swearingen is seeking 46 new officers to form seven anti-terrorism squads that would be set up throughout the state.

That would be projected to cost \$6 million in the first year and \$4 million a year to operate annually.

The annual legislative session starts in March, with the fiscal 2017-2018 budget taking effect July 1.

MEDIA OUTLET: NBC Miami (Channel 6)

HEADLINE: Miami-Dade High School Preparing Students for Law Enforcement Careers

BYLINE: Ari Odzer

LINK: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Miami-Dade-High-School-Preparing-Students-for-Law-Enforcement-Careers-394348321.html>

STORY: This might be one of the best-kept secrets in South Florida: at a time when police officers have been getting lots of bad publicity nationwide, a public school dedicated to law enforcement is one of the most popular magnet programs in Miami-Dade County.

It's called Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School, located next-door to the Miami Police Department.

"It's just a great opportunity for students to be exposed to areas where they would not normally be exposed," explains principal David Ladd.

Students here choose one of three academies: law, forensics, or homeland security.

The forensics science class emphasizes all laboratory sciences, to prepare kids for any career involving lab techniques or for college work. Students may come into it thinking it's like the crime lab in shows like "CSI: Miami," but they soon learn how intricate and detailed real-world forensic science is.

"They leave with a soundness of the science, that science goes beyond the glitz and glamour on television, it's a real respect that they're gaining," said Marcia Chisholm, forensics teacher.

The principal says that's the point, that every core class feels current.

"Everything that we do here, we like to make it relevant, a real-world application," Ladd said.

Students in the law academy perform in mock trials as they learn the intricacies of the court system. The school has its own courtroom, which looks real in every detail.

The homeland security academy is similar to a real police academy. Students learn how to gather evidence, like fingerprints, and they learn the basics of defensive tactics.

There's a 911 call center in which the kids see first-hand how difficult the job of police dispatcher can be. Students graduate with an AA degree and certificates in their chosen disciplines, ready for college or to further their studies for law enforcement careers.

"Not only just law enforcement but also in the area of if they wanted to be a judge, if they wanted to be an attorney, if they wanted to be a crime scene investigator," explained Tangela Ramos, one of the school's administrators.

Open to any student in Miami-Dade County, Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School is small, with fewer than 500 students who have all chosen to be there. That principal thinks that creates an

atmosphere of collegiality through the interests the students share. Even though the school doesn't have sports teams, there's plenty of teamwork among the student body.

MEDIA OUTLET: NBC Miami (Channel 6)

HEADLINE: Broward Sheriff's Deputy, Suspect Injured in Police-Involved Shooting in Fort Lauderdale

BYLINE: NBC Miami

LINK: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Broward-Sheriffs-Deputy-Injured-in-Police-Involved-Shooting-394317631.html>

STORY: The suspect in a Broward Sheriff's deputy-involved shooting taken to county jail late Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, the suspect, 51-year old Michael Mainolfi, and a deputy were both hospitalized following a chase and shooting in Fort Lauderdale.

The deputy-involved shooting happened in the 1900 block of Commercial Boulevard across from Holy Cross Hospital, BSO officials said. The incident began with a chase that started in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, officials said.

Officials said deputies had stopped Mainolfi, who was wanted for aggravated fleeing, when the suspect backed his car into the deputy and a deputy's car, causing a deputy to open fire.

Deputies pursued the suspect to a parking lot on Commercial Boulevard where the suspect lost control and hit two parked cars, officials said.

The deputy wasn't shot but was taken to an area hospital. Mainolfi was shot in the upper arm and was taken to Broward Health Medical Center, officials said.

Officials said the injuries are non-life threatening and both are expected to be okay. Mainolfi has multiples felonies charges in the past, including several for drug related charges.

This is the third deputy-involved shooting in Broward this month. A man with a knife was shot and killed by deputies in Pompano Beach on September 9 and a teen was injured in a deputy-involved shooting in Pompano Beach on September 12.

MEDIA OUTLET: FOX Miami (Channel 7)

HEADLINE: BSO deputy, suspect injured after shooting in Fort Lauderdale

BYLINE: NBC Miami

LINK: <http://wsvn.com/news/local/deputy-involved-shooting-in-fort-lauderdale/>

STORY: FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. (WSVN) - A Broward Sheriff's Office deputy and a suspect have been injured after a chase ended in a deputy-involved shooting in Fort Lauderdale, Wednesday afternoon.

According to BSO, the deputy and the subject were both hurt after a reported shooting involving the deputy. The incident occurred in the parking lot of Holy Cross Hospital, in Fort Lauderdale, along the 1900 block of East Commercial Boulevard, sometime just before 3 p.m.

Sheriff Scott Israel said that a man who was wanted for "aggravated fleeing" was spotted at a hotel in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, where deputies gave him what Israel called clear and concise instructions to come with them.

Israel said the subject ignored those orders, backing his car into one deputy and injuring him. Another deputy then shot the man in the shoulder, according to Israel, and the man drove off before crashing into two cars in the hospital parking lot.

"They approached the subject, they gave him clear and concise orders to exit his vehicle," Israel said. "Instead, the subject chose a path of resistance and backed his vehicle, not only into the deputy's vehicle but struck our deputy."

Israel said the shooting needs to be investigated "on its own merit," referencing the fatal shooting of Terence Crutcher, a 40-year-old unarmed black man, by a white police officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Friday night, and the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown, an unarmed black man, by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014.

"We live in a United States circa 2016. We live in a violent world and these things happening all over America, but the most important thing to remember is each shooting, each use of force needs to be looked at and investigated on its own merit," Israel said. "We can't say something that happened in Ferguson or happened in Tulsa is related to what happened here in Broward County."

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating the incident.

One patient at the hospital said her nurse's car was one of the vehicles hit.

"There were police cars everywhere, and finally, when I got into my appointment, I was talking to the nurses, and one of the nurse's car was one that he hit," Lori Wille said. "I think that's terrible, you know. We need our cops, good cops. We need them all over the world today."

The BSO deputy was taken to an area hospital.

The suspect has been transported to Broward Health Medical Center.

Both the suspect and the deputy sustained injuries that were not life-threatening and are expected to be OK.

MEDIA OUTLET: ABC Miami (Channel 10)

HEADLINE: Deputy, suspect taken to hospital after deputy-involved shooting

BYLINE: Peter Burke

LINK: <http://www.local10.com/news/crime/deputy-suspect-taken-to-hospital-after-deputy-involved-shooting>

STORY: FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - A Broward Sheriff's Office deputy was taken to a hospital Wednesday after a deputy-involved shooting.

BSO spokeswoman Veda Coleman-Wright said the suspect, identified by sources as Michael Mainolfi, 51, was taken into custody in the 1900 block of East Commercial Boulevard.

Coleman-Wright said the suspect was taken to Broward Health Medical Center.

The deputy was also taken Broward Health Imperial Point. Both were expected to survive.

Michael Mainolfi was taken into custody after a Broward Sheriff's Office deputy-involved shooting. Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said the suspect initially led deputies on a chase just before 2 p.m. that started at the Dolphin Harbor Inn parking lot, 4245 N. Ocean Drive, in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

The sheriff said deputies watched the suspect inside his vehicle outside the motel and identified him as someone who was wanted in connection with a separate incident.

Israel said deputies ordered the suspect out of his vehicle, but he backed up, striking the deputy's vehicle and the deputy.

The deputy fired at the suspect, striking him in the upper arm, Israel said.

Israel said the chase ended at a medical building near Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale after the suspect lost control of his vehicle and crashed into two parked cars.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement was notified about the shooting.

Mainolfi faces several charges, including aggravated fleeing and eluding, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence.

MEDIA OUTLET: ABC Miami (Channel 10)

HEADLINE: Hollywood police reach out to children through mentorship program

BYLINE: Neki Mohan

LINK: <http://www.local10.com/community/my-future-my-choice/hollywood-police-reach-out-to-children-through-mentorship-program-#>

STORY: HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - In her teal Cowboy hat, Hollywood police Officer Kerry Donahue is hard to miss at Marlins game with her side-kick mentee, 9-year-old Jasmine Pierre.

The two are regulars at games and a lot of other places, brought together by the Hollywood Police Department's mentoring program.

"They pair you up with someone from one of the local schools and I got lucky enough to get Jasmine," Donahue said.

Jasmine would argue that she is in the lucky one.

"My favorite part of hanging out with her is we do fun things," Jasmine said.

Jasmine and Donahue were paired together a year ago and are now regulars at Marlins games and Panthers games.

They have gone kayaking, and almost every outing involves ice cream. But there is homework time too.

"Initially we would do homework and practice spelling words, but she is very smart and gets straight A's. Now we are working on her not being so shy," Donahue said.

1 of 7 Hollywood police officers inspire, have fun with children in mentorship program
Jasmine was paired with a mentor because she is one of eight children in a family where the parents work a lot to provide for them, so one-on-one time was hard to come by for her.

That's why Hollywood police created this program to reach out to the area families, who needed some extra help and giving officers the chance to give it.

About 30 officers take part in the program. Donahue said its part of what she loves doing most.

"I love the opportunity to reach people her age and not only be a role model and let her see that there is different sides to officers. We are not just robots in police uniforms," Donahue said.

The program is open to Hollywood residents.