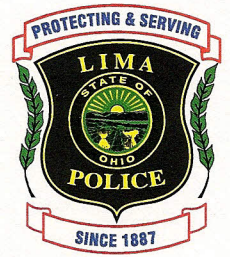


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Press Conference

On March 27, 2013 at approximately 6:15 pm a subject entered the Police Department lobby and motioned for the desk officer to come outside. Two officers (Sgt. David Gillispie and Ptl. Jason Wireman) stepped outside, not knowing what the situation was or what was occurring. As soon as they stepped outside, the officers were charged by the assailant. He was holding a large wooden stake in one hand and a screwdriver in his other hand.

He attacked the officers, stabbing Sgt. Gillispie in the side of the head. Sgt. Gillispie defended himself and Officer Wireman by firing three (3) shots from his duty weapon, striking the attacker twice. The attacker, still holding the screwdriver attempted to get up from the ground. Officer Wireman who had already unholstered his taser, deployed it. While the attacker was incapacitated by the taser, Officer Wireman was able to kick the screwdriver from the attacker's hand.

An Ohio State Patrol Trooper and Allen County Sheriff's Deputy arrived and assisted taking the assailant into custody. The trooper and deputy were in the area looking for the subject because they had received information he was suicidal. Other information received has also suggested he was suicidal.

We will not release the name of the attacker as he is an uncharged suspect in this investigation, which is still ongoing. He continues to be treated at St. Rita's Medical Center at this time. Sgt. Gillispie was treated and released from St. Rita's.

