

**DATE: November 30, 2000**

**SUBJECT: ARMED OFFENDER SHOT BY POLICE TIME: 9:40 last night,  
Wednesday, November 29th**

**PLACE: in front of 5247 Tamiami Court**

**OFFENDER: William Pique, 53, 5247 Tamiami Court**

At 9:40 PM Wednesday the offender called the Cape Coral Police Department and said he would shoot an officer so that the police would shoot him dead. Several Cape Coral Police officers responded to the scene. The offender was in the roadway in front of his house armed with a 12 gauge sawed-off "Street Sweeper" shotgun with a high capacity drum. Officers repeatedly ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. Instead, he fired several rounds (exact number not yet determined) at the police. No officers were hit by the gunfire. Officers William Columbia and Brett Hurt returned fire with their service weapons (Glock .40 caliber). Each officer fired at least one round; the offender was struck at least once in the hip. As the offender attempted to retrieve his shotgun, Sgt. Keith Munzert administered a 5-second burst with his department-issued taser as an alternative to shooting the suspect again. The offender was then taken into custody. He was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment, was subsequently released and booked into the Lee County Jail. He is charged with Attempted First Degree Murder, Discharge of a Firearm, and Discharge of a Firearm While Intoxicated, with additional charges pending. Officers Columbia and Hurt will be reassigned to administrative duties pending the completion of the police department's internal investigation. The criminal investigation will be conducted by the State Attorney's Office with the assistance of the Cape Coral Police Department. The offender has no previous arrest record with the Cape Coral Police Department.

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