**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date**: September 16th, 2024

**Location**: 400 E. Leith St.

**Time**: 1:36pm

**Details/Summary:**

Fort Wayne Police Department Officers returned fire after a vehicle pursuit and an adult male suspect shot at police. The FWPD was dispatched to the block of 5900 Hessen Cassel Rd. after a caller told dispatch that a man hit his wife and pulled a gun on her. Officers located the suspect vehicle while en route to the scene. The suspect vehicle intentionally crashed into the police car, then fled. Officers pursued the vehicle until the vehicle stopped in an alley, just south of 400 E. Leith St. where the suspect opened fire on officers, hitting a police car. Officers returned fire, striking the suspect. The suspect was rendered aid, but succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The suspect’s gun was recovered in the suspect’s vehicle. There were no injuries to the public or officers.

This incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Prosecutor’s Office, Allen County Coroner’s Office, and the Indiana State Police will conduct an independent investigation. As is standard protocol, the officers involved will be placed on administrative leave.