



## *News Release*

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### **Police Involved Shooting at 8000 C.F. Hawn Freeway**

On September 6, 2013, Dallas Police Officers received information from the Police Dispatcher that Garland Police Department was requesting assistance in locating and stopping a murder suspect. Officer M. Merta, # 8830 responded and located Garland Detective T. Olvera, #5928 and Suspect Domingo Soto Latin male 2/16/1971 in the intersection of HWY 175 and Buckner Boulevard. The officers initiated a felony traffic stop and ordered Suspect Soto from the vehicle. When the suspect refused to comply, the officers approached and a struggle ensued. The suspect was able to put the vehicle in gear and attempted to drive away with both officers hanging from the vehicle. As the struggle continued Suspect Soto reached into his waistband for what the officers believed to be a weapon. The officers, fearing for their lives, both fired their weapons. Suspect Soto was able to drive away from the location and reenter the freeway where he collided with the median before driving off the shoulder of the freeway and onto the service road, colliding with a sign and coming to rest. Additional officers and supervisors responded and found that Suspect Soto appeared to be deceased inside the vehicle. Suspect Soto was transported to Baylor Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. At this time we are waiting on the medical examiner to rule on the cause of death and a determination on whether the death was the result of officers' actions or self inflicted.

A pistol was recovered inside the suspect vehicle and in-dash video recorded the incident. No officers were injured.

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