

## Man fatally shot by Detroit police in traffic stop on city's west side



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Detroit police fatally shot a man Wednesday night after a traffic stop that dragged an officer 20 yards on the city's west side, police said.

Police said they had pulled a vehicle over for failing to use a turn signal at a light near the Southfield Freeway service drive and Fenkell Avenue in Detroit. The driver did not have a license and was asked to step out of the vehicle, said Charles Fitzgerald, Detroit assistant police chief.

"That's when the first struggle ensued," Fitzgerald told reporters late Wednesday.

Fitzgerald said after the driver tried to pull away, the officer "instinctively reached his leg in (the vehicle) and he stepped on the break, tried to hold him (and) he was dragged about 20 yards."

The officer's partner tried to deploy his Taser but it "did not take affect." The driver put the car in reverse and continued dragging the officer, Fitzgerald said.

The officer feared for his safety as well as his partner's, and fired at least one round, striking the driver in the upper chest. The driver was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The officer was being treated at a hospital and was expected to recover, Fitzgerald said.

A passenger in the vehicle was taken into custody. Police did not release the names or ages or place of residence for either person.

Marijuana that appeared to be "packed for sale," and a Glock with an extended magazine along with a Glock switch were located in the vehicle, police said.

"I say that to say: if he pulled the trigger one time on the officers, 15 rounds come out quickly," Fitzgerald said.

He said area surveillance and body-camera footage would be reviewed.

An investigation is ongoing.

