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# Man charged after allegedly punching officer in the face

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(Photo: KVUE News)

AUSTIN -- A man has been charged with assault on a public servant after allegedly punching a police officer in North Austin on Tuesday.

According to an arrest affidavit, a neighbor called 911 at 8:26 a.m. to report a suspicious vehicle parked in a vacant lot in the 300 block of Oak Plaza. The caller said an SUV had been parked there for about 30 minutes and that there were two people inside, possibly involved in prostitution or drug activity.



Derrick Dodd (Photo: Austin Police Department)

Two officers responded and approached both sides of the vehicle. The driver, later identified as 37-year-old Derrick Dodd, refused to identify himself. The officer opened the car door to have Dodd step out of the vehicle, but he continued to resist. An altercation followed as Dodd continued to resist arrest. Police said a Taser was deployed twice, striking Dodd. The affidavit also states that Dodd punched one of the officers in the face twice.

The officer sustained minor injuries. Police said they think Dodd may have been on narcotics.

Dodd was booked into the Travis County Jail, with bond set at \$5,000. He is also charged with resisting arrest, with bond set at \$3,000. Online jail records also show Dodd faces a possession of a controlled substance charge.



Austin police officers injured in Taser incident

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