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GBI: Police shoot Cobb County man who grabbed Taser from officer

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COBB COUNTY, Ga. —

A Cobb County neighborhood is quiet again after investigators spent more than 12 hours there following a police involved shooting. It happened Sunday around 10:30 a.m. along White Water Court, in Austell.

"You can't say it's not going to happen in your neighborhood, because things happen every day," said Dawn Wilde.

She has lived on her street for 17 years and still can't believe her neighbor, Timothy Duffy, 31, was caught up in a police-involved shooting.

"Not at all. I mean, he's a good dad," Wilde said.

Austell police were called out for a domestic disturbance. They said Duffy became agitated with them, and according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, who is now the lead on this case, Duffy grabbed the Taser from an officer and used it on him.

Officers removed two of Duffy's children through an upstairs window.

Wilde was alarmed to see all the police activity.

"I was like, 'Wow! What's going on? Is everybody OK?' My concern was for the kids and for my neighbors. Just make sure everybody was OK."

Two Austell police officers did fire their weapons, striking Duffy. He was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Austell officers were taken to the hospital, treated and released.

A warrant has been issued for Duffy for aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer. Austell's police chief said officers who carry Tasers and pepper spray get shot with it in their training so they'll know what it feels like. He would not comment any further until the GBI's investigation is closed out.

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