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Narrow escape in Arlington PD Taser incident

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Arlington Police are looking for a man who fought with officers, tried to take their weapons, and then got away.

A neighbor turned on her cellphone in time to catch the very end of scary scene -- A young man taking on three police officers. All went to the ground.

"It was really a violent confrontation," said Arlington Lt. Chris Cook. "He tried to steal an officer's weapon. Very dangerous situation."

An officer tased him with direct contact. Because all officers were wrestling with him, all got a jolt.

The man managed to get up and run away.

"It's really kind of a miracle that this was not a deadly force kind of encounter," Cook said Friday. He said it started only as a suspicious person call Wednesday on Whispering Oak in Arlington's upscale Interlochen neighborhood.



Suspect gets free after Taser jolt

"Their focus quickly shifted to a narcotics investigation, just based on what they were seeing and kind of smelling," he said.

When officers couldn't catch the man, they set up a perimeter, called in three dog teams and a drone. No luck.

"We're very confident. We're going to get him into custody. We know who he is," Lt. Cook said. "Someone is going to give him up."

Surveillance video from a nearby home shows the man clearly as he runs past a camera, with an officer running behind.

One officer had to be treated for minor injuries. Arlington Police said it's unusual to encounter a person violent enough to fight with three cops and try to take police weapons. They want him off the streets as soon as possible.

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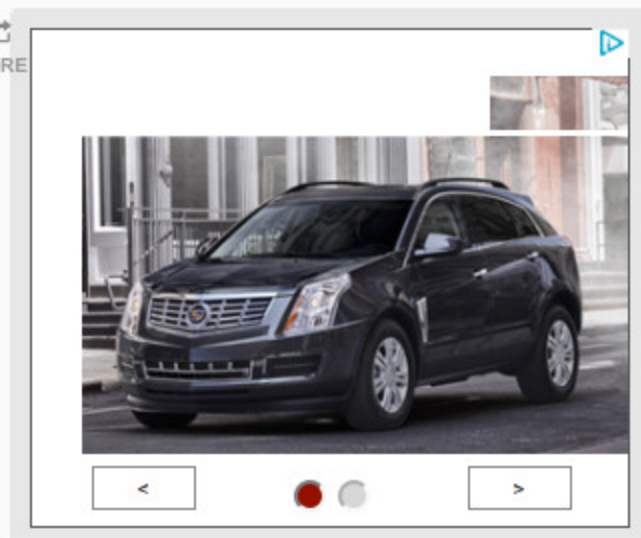
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