

Two officer-involved shootings in one day: By [Saeed Ahmed](#) The Atlanta Journal-Constitution 05/02/07

On two separate incidents Wednesday, Atlanta police officers fired their guns at civilians. In both cases, the men survived the shooting, the department said.

In the most recent case, an officer shot a man in the upper body on Hardee Street and Mayson Avenue, said spokesman Steve Coleman.

Police said that officers responded to a report of shots fired from a sports utility vehicle Wednesday night. When they tried to stop the SUV, three men got out and ran, police said.

An officer chased one of the men into the woods. Police said the man reached into his waistband and then turned around toward the officer. The officer, fearing for his life, fired at him, the police department said.

That man did not suffer life-threatening injuries. The other two men got away.

Earlier in the day, an officer pulled over a 15-year-old teenager who was driving what appeared to be a stolen car, police said.

As the officer approached, the teen gunned the car in reverse, hitting the officer in the leg, said spokesman James Polite.

The officer then shot teen in the shoulder as the boy continued driving the vehicle backward along Oak Drive.

The teen ran away after backing the vehicle onto a lawn. Other officers caught him on Browns Mill Road, Polite said.

Charges against the teen are pending. Police did not release the name of the officer or the teen.

The two cases Wednesday were the third officer-involved shooting for the department in less than a week.

Early Saturday morning, an officer shot a man in the 1500 block of Memorial Drive.