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Man faces hearing in attack on cop

A 21-year-old Detroit man, who is charged with attempting to kill a Ferndale police officer, faces a preliminary examination in 43rd District Court in Ferndale at 1 p.m. today.

Gregory Newson is charged with four counts, including assault with intent to murder, stemming from a March 18 incident in which police said he was driving a stolen minivan and rammed an officer's patrol car.

According to police, at about 8 p.m., the officer spotted the stolen van at 8 Mile and Woodward and tried to confront the driver. **Newson** drove at the officer, who was out of the patrol car, and trapped him between the patrol car and the car door. The officer fired his gun at the minivan in self-defense until it stopped. **Newson** was shot in the chest and side.

Both were taken to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment and released.

Newson also was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in injuring, and receiving stolen property.

If convicted, he faces up to life in prison. He is being held in the Oakland County Jail with bond set at \$550,000.

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