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EASTPOINTE — Police said today they arrested a man during a traffic stop who is wanted for murder in Virginia.

Eastpointe Police arrested **Lamont Banks**, 35, of Detroit, after a routine traffic stop at 3:35 a.m. on Saturday on Beaconsfield near Toepfer on the city's southeast side, according to Lt. Leo Borowsky.

Banks was driving a blue Grand Am on northbound Beaconsfield when police pulled him over. The suspect was traveling 10 miles over the speed limit and weaving in the lane, Borowsky said.

Before the officer could walk to the stopped Grand Am, the driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot, police said. The officer chased the suspect on foot through several residential yards.

The officer used his Taser on the suspect, causing him to fall. As the officer attempted to handcuff the suspect, he fought back and broke free, according to Borowsky.

After a second chase, the officer was able to catch the suspect and hold him until more police officers arrived to help with the arrest, officials said. During the arrest, the officer sustained a cut to the palm of one of his hands, Borowsky said.

Once in custody, police ran a check on the suspect and determined he was one of Virginia's "Most Wanted." Police in Newport News, Va., want Banks for murder, use of a firearm and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Eastpointe Police have charged Banks with resisting arrest and causing an injury to a police officer.

A district court judge set his bond at \$25,000 and Banks is scheduled to be arraigned in District Court today.

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