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TWO POLICE OFFICERS SHOT DURING PROTESTS IN FERGUSON

BOTH SERIOUSLY INJURED

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USPA NEWS - Two police officers are hospitalized after being shot outside the Ferguson Police Department. One officer was hit in the face, the other in the shoulder. Protesters gathered there after the police chief announced his resignation on Wednesday.

One officer was taken immediately to Barnes-Jewish Hospital, a Level 1 trauma center and the teaching hospital for Washington University School of Medicine. The other officer was initially treated on the scene.
In a news conference outside the hospital around 2 a.m. CT, St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said one officer was shot in the shoulder and one was shot in the face.
"I don't know who did the shooting, to be honest with you," Belmar said, adding that he could not provide a description of the suspect or gun.
He said his "assumption" was that, based on where the officers were standing and the trajectory of the bullets, "these shots were directed exactly at my officers."

The shootings came hours after Ferguson officials announced Police Chief Thomas Jackson, whose department received scathing criticism from the Justice Department for racially biased policing, will resign March 19.
Jackson, 57, became the third top city official to leave following the release of the Justice Department report. Judge Ronald Brockmeyer and City Manager John Shaw resigned earlier this week.

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