

Lawrence Police Department
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On December 02, 2009 at 1:10 a.m. a Lawrence Police Officer was sitting in his vehicle at the parking lot of Hy-Vee, 4000 W. 6th Street. As he was writing a report, the officer noticed a white male subject walking near his patrol vehicle. The officer observed the subject walk behind the patrol car, pull an object resembling a pistol from his pocket, and point the object at the patrol car. The officer quickly accelerated away from the suspect to gain distance, stopped, exited the patrol car and confronted the subject. The subject was no longer displaying a firearm, but would not respond to the officer's commands. The officer deployed OC spray with no effect. A physical altercation ensued and the subject grabbed for several items on the officers belt. During the altercation, the subject was struck with the officer's baton with no effect. Other officers arrived on scene and were able to take the subject into custody. A blue toy revolver pistol was located the suspect's right front pocket.

The subject made several incoherent statements at the scene and was transported to Lawrence Memorial Hospital for a mental evaluation. Neither the subject nor the officer was seriously injured in the scuffle.

Sergeant Bill Cory
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