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Precinct 7 Deputy discharges weapon at suspect trying to break into his home

Houston - At approximately 10:30 am this morning, Wednesday, February 8, 2017, while at home with his wife, off-duty Precinct 7 Deputy Chris Edwards overheard noises coming from his backyard. When Edwards went to investigate, he observed 2 black males in the backyard of his home.

The suspects then proceeded rattling the back door and shaking windows so the deputy retrieved his personal shotgun to scare them off. That's when the deputy observed one of the suspects with an object in his hand resembling a gun. In fear for his life and for his wife, Deputy Edwards fired the shotgun one time through the rear window of his home. The shot went through the deputy's back fence hitting a neighbor's home; however, there were no reported injuries.

The suspects ran off but one was later apprehended by an officer with HPD at an apartment complex located at the 8300 block of West Belfort. A short time later, the suspect that the HPD officer had in custody was positively identified by the deputy as one of the suspects who was in his back yard.

This case is currently under investigation by the Houston Police Department and Deputy Chris Edward's actions under review by the Harris County Precinct 7 Internal Affairs Division.

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