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Shots fired, driver arrested in incident at US Capitol

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US Capitol Police have arrested a female motorist who hit a police cruiser and tried to run over several officers at a checkpoint on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, local media reported. Several shots were fired but no one was injured.

Multiple police cars have been spotted outside the US Botanic Garden, on the south side of the Capitol reflecting pool.

[@scottwongDC](#) Situation appears to be contained: [pic.twitter.com/0BlkpQgsWt](https://pic.twitter.com/0BlkpQgsWt)

[@scottwongDC](#) Same notice sent to all Capitol Hill offices, but police haven't locked down Capitol complex [pic.twitter.com/GrFAsNhZUh](https://pic.twitter.com/GrFAsNhZUh)

There is ongoing Police activity at Washington and Independence Avenues SW.

The U.S. Capitol Police and the House Sergeant at Arms are aware of and are monitoring the situation. Details will be provided as they become available and as the situation warrants.

Staff should stay clear of the area until further notice.

Should you have any questions please contact the office of the House Sergeant at Arms at 5-2456.

[@scottferson Sounded like 2 quick shots, pause, one more. Dozen cap police cars raced down Independence](#)

[@BruceLeshan #BREAKING Officer involved shooting near US Capitol and Botanic Gardens. @wusa9](#)

A notice sent to area offices tells of unspecified Capitol Police activity at the intersection of Washington and Independence avenues, but the Capitol complex itself has not been locked down, according to one reporter from The Hill.

Police have reportedly cleared civilians from the streets, and lawmakers have been told not to go outside.

According to a reporter with WUSA-TV, the incident was an *"officer-involved shooting"* near the Botanic Garden.

Metropolitan DC police told WTVB that a motorist had struck a Capitol Police cruiser and tried to run over several other officers, who were on foot. There were no injuries from gunfire, and the suspect has been taken into custody.

A female driver was stopped by Capitol Police at a security checkpoint, but refused to follow instructions and rammed a cruiser, police said.

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