

Man shot by police is charged with assault

A man shot by Minneapolis police this week was charged Friday with felony first-degree assault and being a felon with a firearm.

Lonnie L. Evans, 20, was shot twice Wednesday after officer Paul Gillies saw him point a gun at his partner while leaving a car in the 2200 block of N. 4th St., police said. Evans' injuries weren't life-threatening, police said.

According to a criminal complaint, Evans told investigators that Gillies was justified in firing because the officer feared for his partner's safety. Evans is being held in the Hennepin County jail in lieu of \$75,000 bail.



**Lonnie L.
Evans**

According to the complaint:

Gillies and officer Cheryl Kassa responded to a report of a disturbance involving a car. Three men were in the car and another was getting into it. The officers ordered them to get out of the car.

Three men did so, but Evans hesitated after repeated commands. He slid across the back seat, away from the officers.

When Evans left the car, Gillies saw that Evans had his gun pointed toward the officers. Gillies yelled "gun" and fired his revolver when Evans didn't drop his gun. After Evans was subdued, officers found two handguns on the street within Evans' reach.

Evans admitted to possessing the gun Gillies saw in his hand. The officers were placed on routine paid administrative leave.

— *David Chanen*

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