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Overview

This act modifies the crime of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle where death or bodily injury results from the attempt to flee.

- 1** **Fleeing officer; death; bodily injury.** Extends the law to situations where a suspect initially flees police in a motor vehicle but abandons the vehicle and continues to flee via other means.

Under prior law, a suspect was unable to be charged for fleeing police on foot after crashing his car, even though, while fleeing on foot, a Minneapolis parks police officer was hit and killed by another peace officer involved in the pursuit. Because the suspect was no longer fleeing in a motor vehicle, prosecutors could not charge him under this statute with the death of the peace officer.