Terrorist stabs police officer in Jerusalem’s Old City

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A terrorist stabbed and wounded a police officer on Friday night at the Chain Gate entrance to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem’s Old City.

According to police, an officer on duty noticed the suspect and began a routine inspection. During the check, the attacker drew a knife and stabbed the officer.

Additional forces at the scene immediately responded, shooting and neutralizing the assailant, identified as a 17-year-old resident of the capital’s northeastern Beit Hanina neighborhood.

The wounded officer was evacuated to the hospital and is reported to be in light-to-moderate condition.

Jerusalem District Police chief Amir Arzani arrived at the scene and praised the swift response of the officers.

“The officers on duty demonstrated determination and courage when facing a bloodthirsty terrorist who attempted to take their lives in an instant,” he said. “This attack is another reminder of the wide range of threats our forces face daily in the Old City and across Jerusalem. We will continue to act decisively against anyone who threatens the safety of our officers or civilians.”

The Jerusalem District’s central unit has taken over the investigation.