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Fatal Shooting in Howard County Under Investigation

BALTIMORE, MD (December 1, 2024) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General is investigating a fatal shooting that occurred in Laurel, Howard County, Maryland, Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday, November 30, 2024, at approximately 3:10 p.m., officers with the Howard County Police Department responded to a home in the 10000 block of American Pharoah Lane in Laurel for a domestic in progress. The 911 caller advised that a man was banging on the front door. The preliminary investigation revealed the man fired several shotgun rounds at the front door and eventually made his way inside the home through a window. When officers arrived on scene, the man appeared in a second-floor window of the home. Officers gave the man verbal commands; however, the man did not comply. The man and two officers exchanged gunfire. Howard County Police Department's Tactical Team responded to the scene and established a barricade. Officers were unable to establish contact with the man and, at approximately 5:40 p.m., made entry into the home. The man was found inside the home suffering from apparent gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead on scene. Several loaded firearms and a knife were recovered near the man. No one else was injured during the incident.

The IID will generally release the names of the decedent and discharging officers within two business days of the incident, although that period may be extended, if necessary, pursuant to IID protocol.

The officers on scene were equipped with body-worn cameras, which recorded the incident. The IID will generally release body-worn camera footage within 20 business days of an incident. There may be situations where more than 20 days is necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to shield the identities of civilian witness, or to allow family members to view the video before it is released to the public.

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