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Decedent and Officers Identified in Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in New Carrollton

BALTIMORE, MD (January 31, 2024) – The Independent Investigations Division of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General has identified the decedent and officers who discharged their weapons in the fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred on January 30, 2024, in New Carrollton.

The decedent has been identified as 28-year-old Artell Cunningham of Suitland, Maryland.

The New Carrollton Police officers have been identified as Sergeant Byron Purnell, a 6-year veteran, and Corporal Carlos Batenga, who has a total of 5 years of law enforcement experience. Both officers are assigned to the Patrol Unit.

The Independent Investigations Division continues to investigate the circumstances of the fatal shooting. To read the original news release, click [here](#).

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