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# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Independent Investigations Division Investigating In-Custody Death in Frederick**

**BALTIMORE, MD (November 16, 2021)** – The Independent Investigations Division of the Office of Attorney General is investigating the death of a man in Frederick following an interaction with officers from the Frederick Police Department (FPD).

On Friday, November 12th at 7:10 p.m., Frederick Police were dispatched to a residence on the 1800 block of Greenleese Drive for a person behaving erratically. Officers responding to the address found Danny Michael Holley Jr, 23, of Virginia in an agitated state. Officers determined that Holley was in need of medical intervention and called for an ambulance. Holley was agitated and struck an officer. An officer discharged his taser, and the officers were able to handcuff Mr. Holley, who was conscious but remained incoherent.

Mr. Holley was taken by ambulance to Frederick Health Hospital (FHH). While in the emergency department at FHH, Mr. Holley suffered an unknown medical emergency and was subsequently admitted to the hospital, where he remained through the weekend. On Sunday night at approximately 11 p.m., FPD received notification that Mr. Holley died.

Responding officers had their body-worn cameras activated during the encounter. The IID will generally release body camera footage or dashboard camera footage within 14 days of an incident. There may be situations where more than 14 days is necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to redact the identities of civilian witnesses, or to allow family members to view the video before it is released to the public.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly passed SB600, tasking the Office of Attorney General with conducting criminal investigations of all officer-involved fatalities beginning October 1, 2021. These investigations are conducted by the office's Independent Investigations Division, in conjunction with the Maryland State Police and in consultation with the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office.

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