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Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in Riverdale Park Under Investigation

BALTIMORE, MD (September 20, 2022) – The Independent Investigations Division of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General is investigating a fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred in Riverdale Park, Maryland, on Monday afternoon.

On September 19, at approximately 3:30 p.m., officers with the Riverdale Park Police Department responded to a home in the 4700 block of Oglethorpe Street in Riverdale Park for the report of a suicidal man who had access to firearms. Once on scene, officers spoke for several minutes with the man at the front door of the home. The man retreated inside the home and then to an upstairs bedroom. Officers followed the man inside the home and gave him commands to stop. The man did not comply. Once inside the bedroom, the man pointed a handgun at officers. One officer discharged their firearm, striking the man. Officers rendered aid until medical personnel arrived. The man was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Independent Investigations Division will generally release the name of the decedent and involved officer within 48 hours of the incident, though that period may be extended if there is a specific reason to believe that an officer's safety is at risk.

The body-worn camera of the involved officer was active during the incident. The Independent Investigations Division will generally release body 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 shield the identities of civilian witnesses, or to allow family members to view the video before it is released to the public.

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