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Independent Investigations Division Investigating Police-Involved In-Custody Death in Montgomery County

BALTIMORE, MD (December 26, 2024) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General is investigating a police-involved in-custody incident that occurred Tuesday night in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, Maryland.

The preliminary investigation revealed on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at approximately 10:15 p.m., officers from the Gaithersburg Police Department, responded to the 300 block of N. Summit Avenue for a report of a man causing a disturbance. When officers arrived, they encountered a man lying on the ground in front of an apartment building. The man was covered in blood, conscious, and acting erratically. The man then stood up and walked away from the apartment building. Officers grabbed the man, placed the man on the ground, and held him while waiting for fire and rescue personnel to arrive. During this time, the man became unconscious and stopped breathing. Officers began to render emergency medical aid, fire and rescue units arrived on scene, took over care, and transported the man to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

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

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 are 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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