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Officer-Involved Shooting Update

GREENBELT, MD- On May 2, 2022 at approximately 1029 hours, the Greenbelt Police Department received a call for service in the unit block of Plateau PI for the report of a suicidal adult male.

The preliminary investigation revealed that as officers approached the residence and made contact with the adult male caller, they observed a knife with an approximately 6-inch blade in the subject's hand and gave him multiple commands to drop the knife. The man then rapidly exited the residence towards the officers and raised the weapon. At that time, both officers discharged their weapons resulting in the man sustaining injuries. He was transported to the hospital, and remains hospitalized in stable non-critical condition.

The incident is approximately 21 seconds long from the first knock on the residence door to the last shot fired.

Based on the initial round count of the officers' firearms, 10 shots were fired in total, with both officers firing five rounds each.

The adult male caller has been identified as Kenneth Lee Littlefield (DOB: 09/23/1975).

At the request of Greenbelt City Police Department, the Prince George's County Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to the scene and is conducting the investigation into the man's actions, while the Greenbelt Police Department is investigating the actions of the officers. Both investigations remain active and ongoing.

The two officers involved are Acting Sergeant Troy Arnold (Hire Date: 08/07/14) and Officer Eric Thomas (Hire Date: 02/24/21). Both have been placed on paid administration leave, which is standard practice for officer-involved shootings.

The Maryland Attorney General's Office Independent Investigations Unit was contacted and declined the case based on the nature of the man's injuries.