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UPDATE

NEW HAVEN POLICE SHOOTING

At 3:17 p.m. New Haven 911 received a request for medical assistance at 991 Ella Grasso Blvd. in New Haven.

Upon arrival New Haven Fire Service was advised that a male subject was armed with a knife and in need of medical assistance. New Haven Police were summoned to the scene. Upon arrival they encountered the armed male. Officers ordered the male to drop the knife numerous times. The male subject refused and advanced towards the officers. Three New Haven Police Officers discharged their weapon severely wounding the armed male.

The male subject was treated at the scene and transported to Yale New Haven Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The deceased male has been identified as HIRAM MARRERO DOB: 8/27/70. 991 Ella Grasso Blvd. New Haven, Ct. The post mortem examination was conducted by the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner. The deceased, Marrero, died of gunshot wounds.

The New Haven Chief of Police and New Haven State's Attorney requested the State Police Major Crime Squad respond to the scene to conduct this investigation. The State Police Western District Major Crime squad was assigned to investigate this incident.

The three New Haven Officers involved in this shooting have been identified as:

Officer David Runlett a 6 year veteran of the department

Officer Rahgue Tennant a 4 year veteran of the department

Officer Robert Lawlor a 9 year veteran of the department

All three New Haven Police Officers have been assigned to administrative duties pending the completion of the State Police investigation into this shooting.

The investigation is continuing.

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