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The deceased has been identified as Joseph Anthony Craft, 49, of 7031 Calamo Street in Springfield. The stabbing victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his non life-threatening injuries. The officer did not sustain any physical injuries. He is a 15-year-veteran of the police department.

This investigation is ongoing. The officer will be placed on routine administrative leave.

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May, 19, 2011

## **UPDATE**

### **Officer Involved in Shooting of Armed Suspect Cleared for Duty**

Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh has informed Colonel Dave Rohrer, Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department, that he finds "no basis for criminal liability on the part of the police officer who discharged his weapon in this case." PFC John Parker, 41, will be returned to full patrol duties and responsibilities immediately.

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July 21, 2011

## **Officer-Involved Shooting in the Centreville Area**

Sully Police District - Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred during the early-morning hours of Thursday, July 21. Dispatchers received two phone calls at about 1:35 a.m. reporting a disturbance inside a home in the 6100 block of Kendra Way. One phone call came from an adult female inside the residence; the second from a neighbor.

When officers arrived they located an armed man clearly visible inside the garage. The officers took cover as the man approached them with a shotgun. They ordered the man to stop and drop his weapon; he refused to comply with their commands. The officers subsequently shot the man. They immediately began to provide first aid until fire and rescue personnel arrived. Ricardo Leon, 34, of 6165 Kendra Way, was pronounced dead at the scene.

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August 29, 2011

## **Officers Involved in Shooting of Armed Man in Centerville Area Cleared by Commonwealth's Attorney**

Sully Police District – Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morogh has determined that PFC Jonathan Keitz and PFC Stephen Sykes were justified in discharging their weapons in this case and were in compliance with all applicable laws and there is no basis for criminal liability.

PFC Keitz has been on the force for five years, and PFC Sykes has been on the force for four years. Each is assigned to the Sully District Police Station.

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