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Update – Officer Involved Shooting

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The officer struck by the baton was taken to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries. He is 35 years old and an 11-year-veteran of the department. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division in the Mount Vernon Police District. Both officers have been placed on routine administrative leave.

There were at least four other victims from the original fight at the shelter. Three of these victims were transported to local hospitals with non life-threatening injuries. The other victims did not require transportation.

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Police Shoot Man Following an Altercation

(October, 30, 2013)

Mount Vernon Police District – Officers were called to 9155 Richmond Highway on Wednesday, October 30 at 5:59 p.m. for a fight involving individuals at the location. Several individuals were assaulted and injured by a male subject at the scene. Officers responded and encountered the male subject.

A responding officer was assaulted by this individual. During that altercation with officers, an officer discharged his weapon hitting the man. The man was taken to a local hospital where he died from his injuries. Those individuals injured by the subject were taken to local hospitals with non life-threatening injuries.

The case is under active investigation by detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau and Internal Affairs.

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UPDATE - Officer Involved in Shooting Cleared by Commonwealth's Attorney

Mount Vernon Police District – Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh has informed Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department, that he finds no basis for criminal liability on the part of the officer who discharged his weapon in this case. PFC Mohammed Oluwa, who is assigned to the Mount Vernon District Station, will be returned to his patrol duties after having been assigned administrative duties since the incident. The Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau will conduct an administrative investigation in accordance with our General Orders.

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Officer Involved Shooting in Springfield Area

West Springfield Police District - Police are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred this afternoon. Around 2:40 p.m. officers responded to a domestic dispute in the 7900 block of Pebble Brook Court involving a man whom the complainant advised was armed with a firearm. Upon arrival of police, several officers encountered the complainant outside the residence. The officers conducted negotiations with the man at the front door of the residence and they attempted to have him come out of the home peacefully. During the negotiations a patrol officer fired a single shot that struck the man. The man then barricaded himself inside the residence.

For the purpose of rendering aid, the police hostage rescue vehicle was utilized to allow a safe approach and entry into the residence. Once inside, tactical officers found the man deceased.

The decedent has been identified as 46-year-old John Geer. The officer involved was placed on routine administrative leave while the investigation continues.

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