



Fairfax County Sheriff's Office

Response to Ad Hoc Recommendations

Sheriff Stacey Kincaid

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Communication

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Sheriff's Deputy Involved in Medical Campus Shooting is Cleared, Video Released

UPDATE: December 20, 2016

Now that the Fairfax County Police Department's criminal investigation has concluded, and the Commonwealth's Attorney has released his findings that no criminal charges are warranted in the August 15, 2016 deputy-involved shooting, the Police Department has released the surveillance video from the Inova Fairfax Medical Campus.

- [Update – Video Released of Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputy-Involved Shooting](#)
- [Commonwealth's Attorney Report on Officer Involved Shooting](#)

UPDATE: December 16, 2016

Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh has released his findings that no criminal charges are warranted in the August 15, 2016 deputy-involved shooting on the Inova Fairfax Medical Campus. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will now conduct an administrative investigation to determine if internal policies and procedures were followed. The deputy remains on administrative duty.

[Sheriff's Deputy Involved in Hospital Shooting is Cleared](#)

September 1, 2016

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office continues to cooperate with the Fairfax County Police Department's investigation of the August 15 deputy-involved shooting on the Inova Fairfax Medical Campus. The deceased has been identified as 29-year-old Yovani Amaya Gomez of no fixed address. The deputy involved, MDS Patrick McPartlin, is an 18-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. He remains on administrative leave. All questions regarding the investigation should be directed to FCPD-PIO@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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In-Custody Death

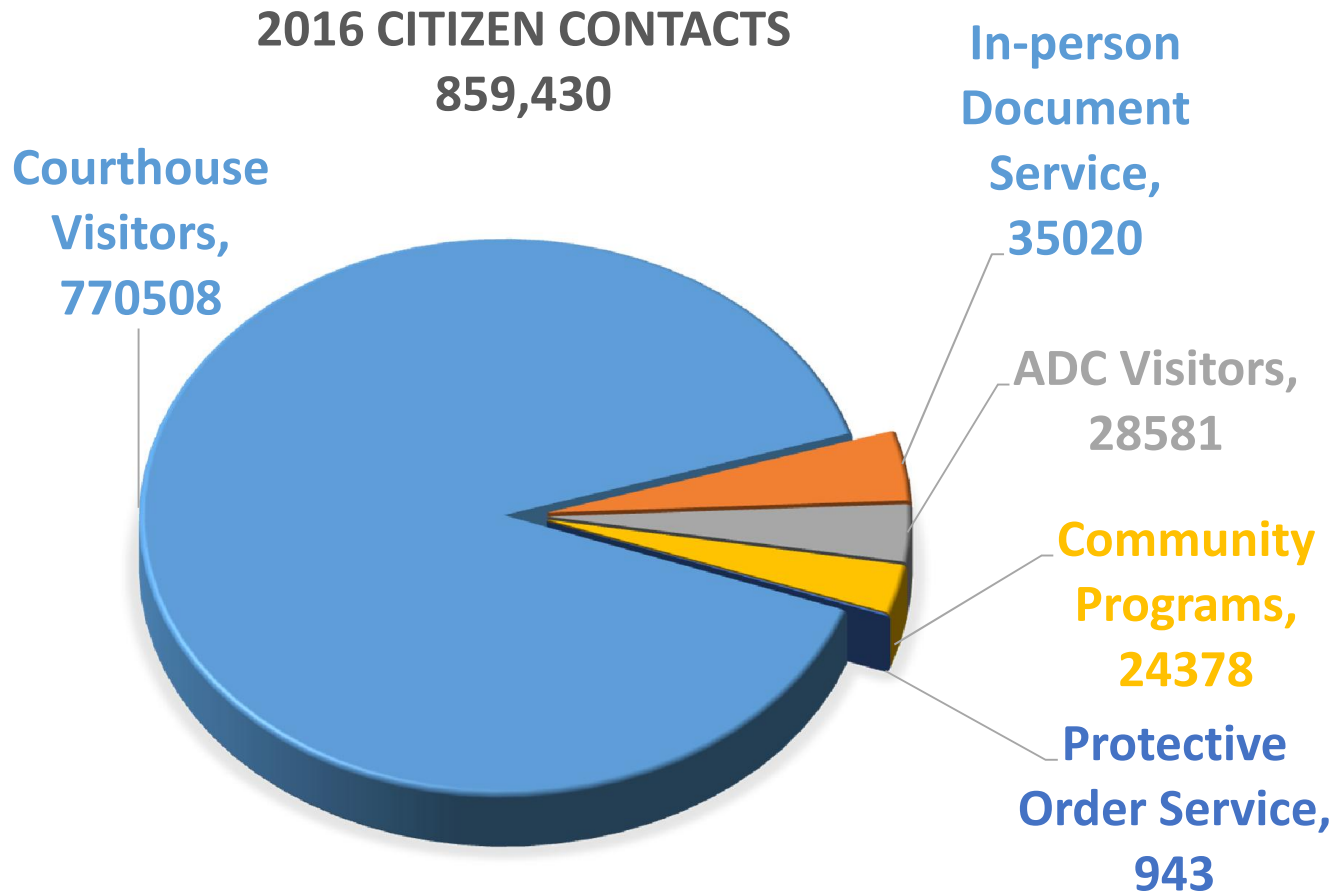
Update: September 7, 2016

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has determined that Kelly Maurice Scott's death was due to natural causes. [Read more on the Police Department's blog.](#)

September 3, 2016

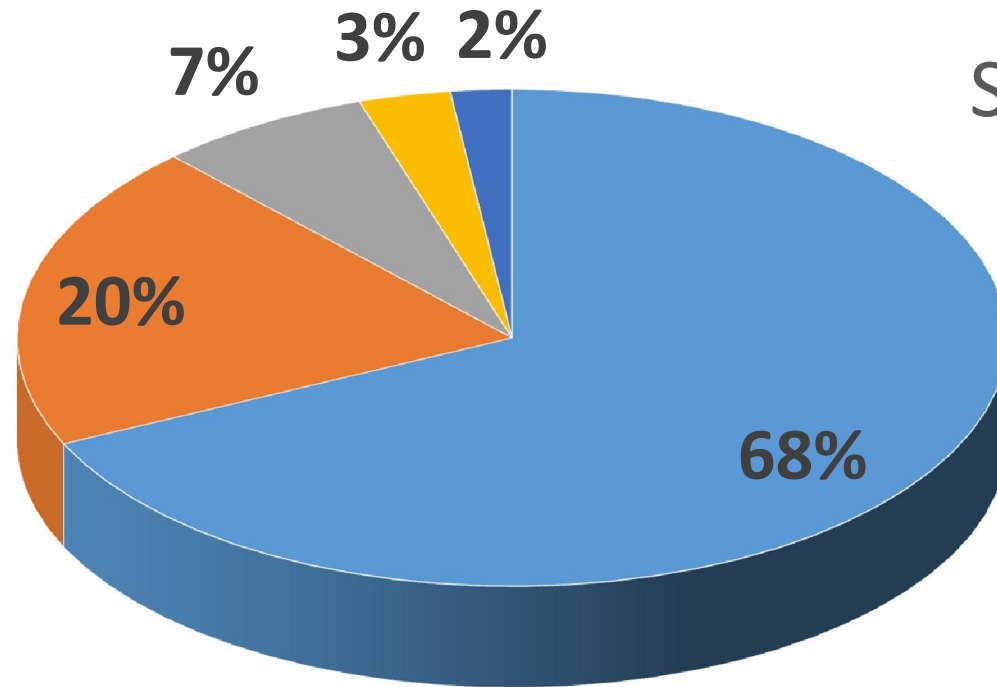
On September 3, 2016, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Sheriff's deputies found a 53-year-old male inmate in his cell not breathing. Deputies initiated CPR and immediately summoned Fire and Rescue Department personnel. Paramedics quickly arrived. The inmate was pronounced deceased. Sheriff's Office policy dictates that this incident is classified as an in-custody inmate death and turned over to the Fairfax County Police Department to investigate. The Sheriff's Office is fully cooperating in the investigation.

Communication



Recruitment and Diversity

Sworn Staff



■ White ■ African American ■ Hispanic ■ Asian/Pacific Islander ■ American Indian/Alaskan Native

Mental Health and CIT

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
 - Sheriff's deputies: 78
- CIT Coverage
 - 24/7 and 365
- Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)
 - Sheriff's deputies: 286
 - ADC nurses: 14

Mental Health and CIT

- Weekly meetings on Serious Mental Illness (SMI): confinement supervisors, medical staff and CSB
- Daily meetings prior to arraignments: confinement supervisors, jail-based CSB, Court Services and judges
- Pilot program: “Brief Jail Mental Health Screening Form” at booking desk

Mental Health and CIT

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Diversion First

News

- 2016 Diversion First Annual Report Now Available (PDF)
- View Compiled Feedback on Diversion First Efforts (PDF)
- Latest Episode of "On the Beat" Talks Crisis Intervention Team Training
- Video Interview Highlights Diversion First, CIT Training
- Community Services Board Hires Diversion First Director
- Public Safety Personnel Talk to Parents about Diversion First
- Grant Funds Additional Staff for Diversion First Efforts
- State Awards Funding to Expand Diversion First Initiative

About Diversion First

Diversion First offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. The goal is to intercede whenever possible to provide assessment, treatment or needed supports. People needing diversion may also have a substance use disorder, which often co-occurs with mental illness. Diversion First is designed to prevent repeat encounters with the criminal justice system, improve public safety, promote a healthier community and is a more cost effective and efficient use of public funding.

Diversion First was implemented because...

- **Too many people are in jail** due to mental health issues. Jail is not the appropriate place to provide mental health treatment.
- There is a need to **prevent the incarceration of people** with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- **To intervene at the earliest point possible** to de-escalate situations and avoid arrest.
- It's the **right thing to do** to offer treatment to people who need it, instead of jail being the default solution
- It's **less costly** for people to receive treatment instead of spending time in jail
- **Treatment offers hope** by helping people recover and take control of their lives.
- 1 in 5 Americans has a mental illness. **Having a mental illness is not a crime.**
- **Responding to recommendations** from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.
- The Board of Supervisors adopted a **resolution to support** the national Stepping Up initiative to decriminalize mental illness.

View the [one-page handout](#) on Diversion First (PDF)

Components of Diversion First

At the inaugural meeting of Diversion First, local leaders announced their commitment to **set up a basic jail diversion program by January 1, 2016** with the following initial components in place, to be expanded and further developed over the next 3 to 5 years:

Merrifield Crisis Response Center (MCRC)
This program, located at the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's [Merrifield Center](#), operates as an assessment site where police are able to transfer custody of nonviolent offenders who may need mental health services to a CIT-trained officer or deputy assigned there, instead of taking them to jail. The MCRC has comfortable rooms with reclining chairs that allow people to rest as their condition stabilizes. Merrifield is not a hospital; people do not stay there.

In less than a year, Fairfax County went from having a limited diversion process to launching the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, mostly by leveraging existing resources. As of January 1, 2016, a police officer and/or deputy sheriff are on duty at the MCRC 21.5 hours a day, seven days a week to accept custody of a person experiencing a crisis so that the patrol officer can get back on the street quickly.

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DIVERSION FIRST

Need help for yourself or a loved one with a mental health issue?

If you are calling 9-1-1 for a mental health crisis or emergency, request a CIT-trained officer to respond.

24-Hour CSB Emergency Services
Phone: 703-573-5679 | TTY: 711

Diversion First Partner Agencies



Use of Force

SOP 032b Use of Electronic Control Weapons

- ECWs will only be deployed inside the Adult Detention Center and the Residential Section under the following circumstances:
 - Active riot or disturbance
 - Active hostage situation

Use of Force

De-escalation and Train-the-Trainer Course

- 24 hours – 18 deputies
 - Day 1: Verbal Intervention
 - Day 2: Physical Intervention
 - Day 3: Train-The-Trainer

Independent Oversight and Investigations

- Accreditation
 - National Commission on Correctional Health Care
 - Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission
 - Virginia Department of Corrections
 - American Correctional Association (ACA)
- Investigations
 - FCPD > Commonwealth's Attorney