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Press Release

Officer shot in head; subject wanted for kidnapping And assault is dead after Braintree motel incident

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Abridged statement made by Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey at 10:30 a.m. press conference, Braintree Police Station, May 6, 2017, with State Police Det. Lt. Kevin Shea, Braintree Police Lt. Michael Want and Braintree Mayor Joseph Sullivan:

On Friday, May 5, the Braintree Police Department received process from the Boston Police Department requesting assistance in serving a 209A restraining order on a Boston man believed to be staying in room 113 of the Motel 6 on Union Street in Braintree.

Braintree officers obtained a copy of his criminal history in order to ascertain if there were special circumstances they needed to be aware of. They learned that the subject, Tizaya Jordan Robinson, age 25, of Boston, had a history of multiple weapons violations. They also learned that he had an active Dorchester District Court warrant for domestic assault and battery, kidnapping and threatening to commit a crime. With that knowledge, a team of four Braintree officers arrived at the Motel 6 shortly before 9 p.m.

Preliminary investigation of physical evidence at the scene and relevant interviews suggest: That Mr. Robinson initially failed to open the door for police; when officers attempted to open the door with a key, Mr. Robinson fired two rounds through the closed door, striking one Braintree officer in the head area. That officer remains at a Boston hospital awaiting possible surgery.

Officers returned fire into the door as they retreated to render aid to and evacuate the injured officer. They secured the scene, called in an ambulance to transport the officer and awaited additional law enforcement personnel.

Shortly before 2 a.m. a robotic camera entered the room, at which time officers learned that the subject appeared to be deceased within.

Mr. Robinson has been transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston. The Medical Examiner will provide an official cause and manner of death subsequent to an autopsy. Initial evidence at the scene indicates that he had multiple gunshot wounds, including one wound that initially appears consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

The investigation remains ongoing, with State Police Crime Scene Services, ballistics section, photo section and the detective unit assigned to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office working along with Braintree police. That is the information we have at this time.

[On May 7, subsequent to the press conference, BPD issued a statement that the officer had been released from the hospital and was recuperating with family in the area.]

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