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**HPD Investigates Shooting Stemming from Disturbance**

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) continues investigating an officer-involved shooting that took place early this morning. 

Officers responded to a call for service of a disturbance at a residence in the 1700 block of Park Road around 2:15 a.m. 

Upon arrival, officers encountered a male with a long gun outside of a residence. The male failed to comply with commands given by the officers and shots were fired. 

The male was shot by police and was later pronounced deceased at the scene. 

HPD’s Criminal Investigations Division and HPD’s Internal Affairs Unit will investigate this incident. 

Following normal policy, the officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave. 

The department is in the preliminary stages of this investigation. As additional information becomes available through the course of the investigation, updates will be provided. 

Park Avenue, from Harmony Drive to Birch Drive, has been closed. There will also be “no through traffic” signs posted at Harmony Drive and Birch Drive, off of Virginia Avenue. Residents in this area will be permitted access in and out of their homes. 

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text “HPD” plus the tip to CRIMES (274637). 

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