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HPD Investigates Officer-Involved Shooting

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) continues investigating an incident that took place at a local restaurant earlier today.

Around 3:15 p.m. officers with HPD responded to Chili's Grill & Bar, 1752 E. Market St., for the report of a man yielding a knife.

A white male, who did not appear to be a customer, entered the restaurant and brandished a knife, while threatening customers. Responding officers entered the restaurant and fired upon the male subject.

The male, identified as Thomas Albin Beall, Jr., 31, of Broadway, was transported to Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital, where he has since been pronounced deceased.

There were no other reported injuries.

Members of HPD's Major Crimes Unit are still in the preliminary stages of the investigation and will work in conjunction with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. They will continue collecting evidence at the scene and are speaking with witnesses. Standard protocol calls for HPD to conduct a criminal investigation along with an internal affairs investigation.

The name of the officer involved will not be released at this time and they will be placed on administrative leave as a standard procedure.

Police ask anyone who left the incident prior to their arrival, to contact a detective with HPD through the non-emergency number at 540-434-4436.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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