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## **Officer-Involved Incident While Assisting in Warrant Service of Carjacking Suspect**

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, at approximately 8:47 p.m., Henrico Police responded to the 2300 block of Strangford Court to assist the Richmond Police Department in locating a wanted subject. Officers located and made contact with the wanted subject in the driveway, who then fled inside the private residence. As officers approached the house, they observed the male subject assaulting a female victim, stabbing her with a knife. A Henrico Police officer, who was positioned closest to the attacker, discharged his service weapon, striking the adult male.

Aid was rendered to the adult male and adult female; both were transported to area hospitals. The adult female victim sustained multiple stab wounds but is reportedly in critical but stable condition. The adult male died as a result of his injuries. His identity will be released upon notification of his next-of-kin.

Henrico Police can confirm there was a 3-year-old in the residence at the time of the event; fortunately, the child was not harmed by the attacker. The child is currently being cared for by family members in the Richmond area.

The adult male suspect was being served an arrest warrant for a carjacking that occurred February 25, 2020 in the City of Richmond.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with all those involved in this traumatic event. This incident underscores the difficult decisions law enforcement officers are faced with on a daily basis. Sworn to serve and protect, our officers are trained to use deadly force as an absolute last resort. However, initial details in this incident suggest the actions of the officers saved the life of the female victim being violently attacked – had they not acted more swiftly, more lives may have been tragically lost. I continue to have complete faith in the men and women sworn to protect our community and have every confidence in the teams tasked with objectively investigating this incident. Please be mindful we are in the very early stages of this investigation and will provide updates as we gather the facts.”

- Henrico Chief of Police, Humberto I. Cardounel, Jr.

Per Division policy, neither the female victim nor the officer involved will be identified at this time. The officer has been placed on paid administrative assignment; standard procedure in any officer-involved incident.

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At this time, both the Division's Officer Involved Investigations Team and Criminal Investigations Section are conducting investigations. Per Division policy, the Officer Involved Investigations Team is charged with investigating any discharge of a firearm by a Division member, and any incident resulting in injury or death to any person, Criminal Investigations shall conduct an independent investigation.

Once the investigations are complete, the Division's findings will be turned over to the Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney, Ms. Shannon Taylor.

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