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Fox Glove Court Officer-Involved Shooting Findings

Prince William County, VA... The independent criminal investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred on Sept. 1, 2022, in the 14700 block of Fox Glove Court in the Woodbridge (Dale City) area of Prince William County involving the multi-agency FBI Safe Streets Task Force and members of the Prince William County Police Department's Gang Unit has been completed. The task force consisted of detectives with the Prince William County, City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park Police Departments, and agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The criminal investigation surrounding the incident was conducted by the regional Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) which is comprised of investigators from multiple law enforcement agencies in the Northern Virginia area. No agency involved in the shooting was part of the independent criminal investigation led by CIRT. The completed investigation was reviewed separately by the Honorable Amy Ashworth, Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County, for determination of any criminal liability regarding the officers' actions during the incident at the time of the interaction. As a result of this thorough review of the extensive and independent investigation, the actions of the members involved were deemed justified and reasonable. In the interest of keeping the residents of Prince William County informed of significant incidents involving our officers and the community, further details of the investigation are being publicly disclosed.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, members of the task force and gang unit were conducting a controlled buy as part of an ongoing operation into the distribution of Fentanyl in Prince William County. The controlled buy on this day called for an undercover detective on the task force to purchase 1,000 Fentanyl pills and possibly at least one firearm from a known target, identified as 18-year-old Jalil Michael **TURNER**. On a separate controlled buy in August 2022, the same undercover detective had purchased approximately 500 Fentanyl pills from **TURNER** without issue. At the time of that buy, a second man, later identified as 19-year-old as Jaiden Malik **CARTER** had accompanied **TURNER** but remained in the vehicle during the transaction.

The undercover detective met at the location on Fox Glove Court where **TURNER** selected the transaction was to take place. Three men, identified as **TURNER**, **CARTER**, and 30-year-old Shane Dareon **POLLARD**, were already present at the location. During the transaction, the undercover detective was robbed at gunpoint. After completing the armed robbery, the three men attempted to flee the area in their vehicle. At the same time, additional law enforcement in separate vehicles which were staged nearby converged on the location to make the arrest and rescue the undercover detective. Detectives blocked the suspect vehicle from escaping and began to exit their vehicle in an attempt to issue commands. A brief command

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of "Stop!" was issued by law enforcement before gunshots were almost immediately fired from the suspect vehicle leading to an exchange of gunfire with detectives which ultimately struck **CARTER** and **POLLARD**, and both the suspect's vehicle and one of the responding detective's vehicles. Additional **surveillance video** recovered from a nearby residence showed rounds being fired from inside the suspect vehicle, out through the windshield and towards law enforcement. Detectives then returned fire. The driver of the suspect vehicle, **POLLARD**, quickly reversed the vehicle, grazing an unoccupied vehicle before forcibly backing into another unoccupied parked vehicle which then caused that vehicle to slide into a third unoccupied vehicle. No shots were fired after the collision as detectives moved closer to assess the conditions of the men inside. Detectives obtained a ballistic shield before approaching and surrounding the vehicle and issuing commands to **TURNER** who was taken into custody without further incident. Both **POLLARD**, still in the driver's seat, and **CARTER**, now in the front passenger seat, were struck during the exchange. Detectives and responding patrol officers who were arriving in the area provided first aid to both injured men until rescue personnel arrived on scene. While treating **CARTER**, an illegally modified firearm with an extended magazine with the capability of being fully automatic, was found in his possession which was later determined to be stolen. The backseat passenger, **TURNER**, was not injured during the exchange; however, a firearm was recovered from the vehicle where he was seated at the time of the shooting. The injured men were transported to an area hospital where **CARTER** died from his injuries a few days later. The identity of **CARTER** was not immediately known to law enforcement following the incident. Fingerprint analysis ultimately led to his identification a few days later. The injuries sustained by **POLLARD** were determined to be non-life threatening, he was treated and released before being taken into custody. One home in the neighborhood sustained damage from the gunfire, no residents or other injuries were reported. While the investigation was continuing, detectives learned **POLLARD** was actively being sought on arrest warrants for an unrelated carjacking that occurred in October 2021. On Sept. 6, both **POLLARD** and **TURNER** were formally charged in connection to the robbery of the undercover detective which resulted in the exchange of gunfire with law enforcement and the death of **CARTER**. No drugs were found in possession of any of the suspects or their vehicle. The body of **CARTER** was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office where the cause of death was preliminarily determined to be a gunshot wound and the manner homicide, the act of a person killing another. At this time, analysis has not been able to determine or confirm whose rounds struck **CARTER** or **POLLARD**. Additional analysis is still being conducted.

In total, two Prince William County detectives and two City of Manassas detectives fired during the exchange. The four detectives involved in the incident were in plain clothes at the time of the incident. Many of the detectives present were wearing ballistic vests displaying "POLICE". Due to the nature of the ongoing undercover operation, no body cameras were being worn by the detectives. Only body-worn cameras used were those of responding patrol officers who provided first aid to the suspects following the incident. During the investigation, CIRT determined the shooting from the suspect vehicle was immediate,

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leaving law enforcement limited reasonable time to identify themselves or issue further commands beyond the initial “*Stop!*”, until the shooting subsided and the suspect vehicle had crashed.

Due to separate and ongoing undercover operations with the involved members, their identities or other personnel information are not being disclosed to ensure the members are not placed in jeopardy, and to preserve the integrity of their continuing cases. None of the detectives involved have been previously involved in a deadly force encounter or officer-involved shooting. The detectives involved have been, or are in the process of being, cleared to return to duty by their respective agency.

Following the conclusion of the independent investigation by CIRT, the facts and circumstances were presented to the Honorable Amy Ashworth, Commonwealth’s Attorney for Prince William County, for a separate review and determination of findings. *“In this incident, the danger posed by three suspects in the vehicle was real and posed an imminent threat of death or bodily harm to the officers,”* said Ms. Ashworth. *“Accordingly, I find that the use of deadly force was both justified and reasonable under the circumstances of this tragic encounter.”*

“I’d first like to express our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr. Carter. This is a tragedy and any loss of life, regardless of the circumstances, is difficult,” said Peter Newsham, Chief of the Prince William County Police Department. *“I’d further like to recognize the heroic actions of those law enforcement members involved when confronted with gunfire in a life-threatening situation while trying to remove a dangerous narcotic like Fentanyl from our community. I am extremely grateful no officers or bystanders were injured.”*

“Anytime there is a loss of life, it is tragic and difficult for everyone. The officers involved were trying to remove dangerous narcotics (Fentanyl) and guns from our streets when they were faced with a life-threatening situation by being fired upon,” said Doug Keen, Chief of the City of Manassas Police Department. *“We are lucky and thankful that no further injuries to bystanders or the officers occurred.”*

Each respective agency is continuing their separate independent administrative investigations into the shooting involving their members. A final review of the incident as it pertains to members of the Prince William County Police Department will be conducted by the *Use of Deadly Force Review Board*, which will examine all aspects of the incident. The Board will determine if the shooting was within policy and will suggest any recommendations as needed based on their findings. The findings in the administrative investigation are not considered criminal in nature and are solely exploring if the actions by police department members were within policy and followed appropriate training.

The Prince William County Police Department recognizes the sensitivity of officer-involved shootings, and the community’s interest in remaining informed as to the circumstances surrounding incidents when police use deadly force. We remain committed to an independent, thorough investigation and separate review by the Commonwealth’s Attorney when these incidents occur and appreciate our community’s

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patience while information is gathered and processed. It is our goal to provide our community with facts as revealed in the investigation.

The police department will continue to evaluate this incident and will release any additional, pertinent information related to the investigation as needed to keep our community informed.

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