## **Racine Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Subject: MPPD Officer Involved Shooting** 

On Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 1:35 a.m., a Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD) officer was involved in an officer-involved use of force incident in the 2500 block of Racine Street. The preliminary investigation revealed that the MPPD officer involved attempted to make contact with an individual on a bicycle when this individual fled. Following a short foot pursuit, the officer observed that the individual was armed.

The preliminary investigation further revealed that less-lethal efforts to address this threat were unsuccessful, and commands issued to the armed individual were ignored. Lethal force was subsequently used to address the threat of the uncooperative individual. Life saving measures were rendered; however, such measures were unsuccessful.

The deceased has been identified as Tyrese West, an 18-year-old Racine resident.

The Racine Police Department was requested to respond to and initiate the investigation into this OIS. This investigation remains ongoing at this time, with investigative support from the State Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). No further information is available to be released at this time.

Racine Police investigators are interested in any additional information anyone may have regarding this investigation. Any witnesses or citizens with information are urged to call the Racine Police Department Investigations Unit at (262) 635-7756.

All media inquiries regarding this incident should be directed to my attention at (262) 635-7759.

Deputy Chief Todd Schulz Investigative Division