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NEWS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting

At approximately 8:11 a.m. Officers from the Schenectady Police Department were dispatched to 780 Albany St. in regards to a male and female fighting inside. The caller indicated that the parties involved had turned up the music inside the apartment so loud that it could be heard from down the hallway. Prior to the officer's arrival on scene, an additional call was placed to dispatch stating that the male involved had pointed a gun at the building's superintendent. As officers entered 780 State Street, they briefly spoke with security and the superintendent who confirmed that the male had pointed a gun at him when they attempted to address the situation themselves.

Officers then went to the second floor and attempted to make contact with the occupants of apartment 202. While attempting to make contact, the door to the apartment opened and the male occupant extended a gun beyond the doorway into the hallway where the officers were standing. Two officers then discharged their service weapons. At that point the door to apartment 202 closed and officers made repeated attempts to have the occupants exit. A female occupant exited the apartment safely and was detained, but the male remained inside. The Schenectady Police Special Operations Squad was deployed and ultimately made entry into the apartment where they located the male suspect. He was subsequently treated by paramedics from the Schenectady Fire Department and transported by Mohawk Ambulance to Ellis Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The male suspect has been identified as Michael Wallace, 34 years old, of Schenectady.

Two officers discharged their weapons. Both officers have been placed on Administrative Leave per Departmental Policy. Officers and Detectives from the Schenectady Police Department have conducted a preliminary investigation of this incident. I have been in contact with representatives of the New York Attorney General's Office, and have asked the New York State Police to take over the processing of the scene and further investigation. The Schenectady Police Department will cooperate fully with both agencies and any requests they may have.



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