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****UPDATE****

Officer Involved Shooting

Daniel Knight

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On Saturday, February 19, 2022, at approximately 9:39 p.m., a 911 call was received in reference to a violent white or possibly Hispanic male who was irate and intoxicated causing a disturbance inside the Winter Park Events Center. The caller advised the male was assaulting guests at the wedding reception to include grabbing people by the neck and shoving people to the floor.

Arriving officers interacted with the male who was later identified as Daniel Knight. While the first officer was trying to separate Mr. Knight from another guest in order to calm the situation, Mr. Knight punched the officer in the face knocking him to the ground and rendering him unconscious. Mr. Knight then turned towards the second officer who deployed his taser that resulted in no change in behavior. Mr. Knight struck the second officer causing him to fall to the ground. Mr. Knight continued to advance, again striking at the fallen second officer. Mr. Knight was shot by the second officer. Officers then rendered medical aid to Mr. Knight until members of the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department arrived on scene and he was transported to the hospital. Both officers were also transported to the hospital, treated for non-life-threatening injuries and were released the same day.

“This is a tragic event that has resulted in a loss of life and we empathize with all those involved and impacted,” expressed Acting Chief of Police Pam Marcum.

A copy of the initial 911 call is being released along with a copy of the initial police report. All other information including the names of the officer's involved (which is protected under Marsy's Law), and body camera or surveillance footage is part of the on-going investigation and is not being released at this time.

On Saturday night the Winter Park Police Department requested the assistance of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to conduct this officer involved shooting investigation.

No further information will be provided.