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PRESS RELEASE

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SHOOTING

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred at approximately 3:38 P.M. on May 21st. The shooting occurred at 1236 Southwest 29th Terrace, in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that at approximately 2:34 P.M., Fort Lauderdale Police Officers were dispatched to the listed residence in reference to a violent domestic disturbance call. When officers arrived to the residence they were advised that the male suspect was armed with a sharp object, holding a female victim hostage, inside the residence. Officers observed the armed suspect holding this sharp object to the victim's throat.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and Negotiators were deployed to the residence. Members of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) exchanged dialogue with the armed suspect inside the residence. Several attempts were made to negotiate with the armed suspect, which were unsuccessful.

Due to the armed suspects' actions, SWAT Team Operators were forced to use lethal force to save the life of the hostage as well as the lives and safety of others.

The deceased has been identified as Javoris Washington, B/M, 12/1/85, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The incident is under active investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Detective Mark Shotwell at 954-828-5517 or Detective Jim Jagers at 954-828-5970.

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