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Police release identity of suspect in violent domestic incident

Injured officers treated and released from hospital

Howard County police are releasing the identity of the suspect shot by police during a violent domestic incident in Elkridge this morning.

Police believe that the suspect, William Tucker Mathis, 41, of no fixed address, was violating a protective order when he broke into his estranged wife's home, assaulted and injured responding officers, and was shot by police. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police received a 911 call around 8:52 a.m. from a woman who reported that her estranged husband was at her home in the 6300 block of Woodland Forest Drive. She told the dispatcher that she had a protective order and that she believed the man, described as a white male in his 40's, was using PCP. Dispatchers reported that she was screaming for help as the man broke into her home, and then she dropped the phone. There were three small children also inside the house.

Officers responding to the residence found the rear glass door shattered, made entry, and were confronted by the suspect, who engaged them in a violent encounter. The suspect strangled one officer and struggled with two others before being shot. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two officers were transported to local hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries. They have since been treated and released. The woman and her children were not injured.

Additional details about the incident or officers involved are not expected to be released this evening.

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