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### **Detroit Police Department issues Update in Investigation into Fatal Shooting Involving Bailiff**

DETROIT – The Detroit Police Department is issuing the following update in a fatal shooting involving a bailiff. On July 12, 2024, a court bailiff was conducting a court ordered eviction. During the eviction, the bailiff encountered a person with a weapon that was attempting to attack him. As a result, the bailiff contacted the Detroit Police Department and requested assistance. Detroit Police officers were not responding to help with the eviction itself, instead the officers were there in response to the bailiff's safety concerns.

Upon arrival the officers encountered an individual armed with a box cutter knife who was holding it to his neck. After repeated orders to put the knife down, an officer used a Taser which did not take effect. The individual then attacked the bailiff, who fired multiple shots. The individual then turned and lunged toward the officer, and the bailiff fired additional shots. It has been determined that no shots were fired by a member of the Detroit Police Department.

This is being investigated by the Homicide Task Force, which submitted an Investigator's Report to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office last Friday, August 16, 2024.

The Department understands the concerns of the community and their desire for more information, however, this is an open investigation involving use of deadly force by an individual who is not a Detroit Police Officer. As with any open criminal investigation, the Detroit Police Department does not release any evidence, as it will compromise the integrity and ultimate outcome of the case.

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