



MEDIA RELEASE

Texas Rangers and Temple Police Department investigate officer involved shooting, suspect deceased

TEMPLE, TX (January 31, 2024) – The Temple Police Department has identified the deceased male as 23-year-old Chad Hartley of Temple.

TEMPLE, TX (January 30, 2024) – The Temple Police Department, along with the Texas Rangers are investigating an officer involved shooting that resulted in the suspects death.

At 1:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 900 block of S. 9th St. for a male that was threatening to commit suicide. Before officers could arrive to the location, the male left that residence with a gun and went to the 1600 block of Ave H. At about 1:30 p.m. when officers arrived at that location, the male pointed a handgun at an officer then barricaded himself inside a mobile home.

Officers evacuated residents that were in homes around the location and established a perimeter to contain the armed male. Temple Fire and Rescue and Temple EMS were on standby to assist if needed. Officers established phone communication with the male, who continually refused to put the handgun down and exit the residence. Following several negotiation attempts, at approximately 2:36 p.m. the male pointed the handgun at a drone outside the residence and then at another officer through an open window and the officer fired one round, leaving the male deceased.

Officers made entry into the residence to provide aid to the 23-year-old male. Justice of the Peace Larry Wilkey pronounced the male deceased at 2:45 p.m.

The Temple Police Department called in the Texas Rangers to investigate the officer involved shooting resulting in the death of the suspect.

As a matter of standard practice, the officer involved in this incident has been placed on administrative leave with pay. An internal affairs investigation of the incident has been ordered, as well.

This case is under investigation. Anyone with information should contact the Temple Police Department at 254-298-5500 or the Bell County Crime Stoppers at 254-526-8477, where callers can report anonymously. Tips can also be submitted anonymously at bellcountycrimestoppers.com.