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PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE REVIEWING POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. - Burlington County Prosecutor Robert D. Bernardi and Mount Holly Police Chief Steve Martin today released additional details of the police involved shooting that occurred yesterday in the rear yard of a residence along Rancocas Road.

According to the preliminary investigation, Mount Holly police received a call yesterday at approximately 3:15 p.m. to respond to a domestic disturbance at 119 Rancocas Road. Upon arrival, the Mount Holly police officer, who is not being identified at this point, observed a man in the rear of the property who was armed with two knives. The man, later identified as Bilal Williams, age 20, of 214 Rutland Avenue, Mount Holly, was told by the officer to drop the knives.

The preliminary investigation revealed that instead of complying, Williams used one of the knives in an attempt to harm the officer. At that point, the officer fired one shot at Williams, striking him in the lower torso. Several individuals in the area either saw or heard portions of the attack by Williams upon the officer.

Williams, who is in critical but stable condition at Capital Health System, Fuld Campus in Trenton, has not yet had any charges filed against him. However, it is anticipated that charges will be filed upon his release from hospital care.

As directed under the Attorney General’s guidelines, the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office will review the investigation once it has been completed to determine whether the officer’s use of force was appropriate.

The investigation is being conducted by detectives from the Mount Holly Police Department and the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit and Special Investigations Unit.

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