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## **County Police Assume Investigation into Wilkesburg Officer Involved Shooting**

**Wilkesburg, Allegheny County** – At approximately 1:02 am today (December 22, 2019), the Wilkesburg Police were dispatched to the intersection of Penn Avenue and Wood Street in response to a 9-1-1 call about a man threatening another person with a gun.

When they arrived in the area, they encountered a male matching the description in the 800 block of Penn Avenue. The male fled from the officers on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, the male turned and fired a handgun at one of the officers. That officer returned fire striking the suspect. The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Allegheny County Police have assumed the investigation. The District Attorney's office has been given a preliminary briefing and at the completion of the investigation, will review it in its entirety.

The Wilkesburg officer has been placed on administrative leave as per the department's policy. Any further questions concerning that officer should be directed to the Wilkesburg Police.

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