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Updated Information on Officer Involved Shooting in Wilkinsburg

Allegheny County – Allegheny County Police detectives are continuing their investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred in Wilkinsburg early Sunday morning. Detectives will conduct additional interviews with the involved officers and other parties who may have information related to the circumstances surrounding the shooting. Detectives also continue to canvass the area for any video or other relevant evidence.

As previously stated, all the investigative information will be turned over to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office for review and appropriate determinations. Questions regarding the identity and/or the employment status of the involved officer should be directed to Wilkinsburg Borough officials.

Anyone who heard or saw anything is asked to call the Allegheny County Police Tip Line at 1-833-ALL-TIPS (1-833-255-8477); callers can remain anonymous. The department can also be reached through its social media sites.

TEXT OF ORIGINAL RELEASE FOLLOWS:

Wilkinsburg, Allegheny County – At approximately 1:02 am today (12-22-19) the Wilkinsburg Police were dispatched to the intersection of Penn Ave. and Wood St. 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 Ave. 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 Wilkinsburg officer has been placed on administrative leave as per their policy. Any further questions concerning that officer should be directed to the Wilkinsburg Police.

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