



# Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office

*Sheriff, Jerry L. Clayton*

## Media Release

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### Appleridge Incident

Release #2 - 5/28/20

In the early morning hours of May 26<sup>th</sup>, a use of force incident occurred in the Appleridge community of eastern Washtenaw County. As with any situation where a deputy uses force, a full and thorough review has begun. Below is a list of actions that have been taken by the Sheriff as of the release of this document. In addition, a review of the incident and any relevant updated information is contained.

#### **INITIAL STEPS TAKEN (within first 24 hours of the call for service)**

- An internal Subject Control/Use of Force review has begun. This is normal procedure.
- The staff member involved in the incident has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigative results. This is normal procedure as well.
- Following a preliminary gathering of facts, an external agency was asked to conduct the investigation.
- All relevant reports, body-worn and dash camera video and audio has been collected as a part of the investigative process.
- The original call for service, a shooting incident, continues under investigation as does the use of force in the arrest of two individuals at the scene of the call for service.
- Consistent with the Sheriff's commitment to open communication as the matter proceeds, he met with and addressed the local community during an initial demonstration.

#### **FOLLOW UP STEPS TAKEN (within 72 hours of the call for service)**

- We have arranged for an independent investigation and an external review of the investigation by the Office of the State Attorney General.
- The Sheriff has begun a series of media interviews outlining what occurred and the processes that will be used to review the matter.
- The Sheriff will hold a detailed briefing at 1pm, on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This briefing will be streamed live at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/washtenaw.sheriff/live/>
- Body camera and dash camera video used in the presentation will be made available on our website following the Friday briefing.
- The Washtenaw County Citizen Advisory Board on Law Enforcement (CABLE) has been advised and will initiate a citizen review of the incident. This review will begin once the independent external investigation has been completed.



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### INITIAL CALL FOR SERVICE

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 12:11 am, Metro Dispatch received a call of shots fired in the 2000 block of Peachcrest St., in Ypsilanti Township. The caller advised that there were approximately thirty (30) people arguing and that they had heard gunshots. Upon arrival, the responding deputies found numerous individuals on the scene. Other police agencies responded to assist.

As the deputies began to investigate, they were flagged down and alerted to a gunshot victim that was several doors down from the original home where the incident was reported to have taken place. Investigating further, they found a thirty-four (34) year old woman who had been shot in the back and needed medical attention. Medical personnel had been summoned and began to arrive as the deputies were rendering aid and attempting to secure the scene.

A potential suspect in the shooting was identified during the investigation, and deputies attempted to make contact at a home in the 2000 block of Peachcrest where the shooting was alleged to have taken place. At the same time, to assure that the immediate area was safe and that a suspect did not flee, they attempted to establish a perimeter around the home.

As the deputies began the process of clearing the crime scene area for the safety and security of all involved, two (2) individuals refused to leave the area. The individuals were instructed to leave and warned that if they failed to leave, they could be arrested for obstructing the investigation. Unable to secure voluntary compliance the deputies arrested both subjects. An altercation ensued during the arrest.

All actions taken, including the force used in the arrest, are being investigated.

### UPDATE

- On Wednesday, May 27th the Washtenaw County Prosecutors Office furthered the case related to the arrest in question. Meaning, the Prosecutors office has asked for additional information prior to deciding whether charges will or will not be sought. One individual was immediately released from the Washtenaw County Jail pending further investigation and the second individual was transferred over to the Taylor Police Department for an unrelated matter.
- As of today, Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Sheriff has requested and received concurrence that the investigation will be reviewed by the Office of the Michigan Attorney General, the Honorable Dana Nessel; the decision made in concurrence with the Office of the Washtenaw County Prosecutor, the Honorable Brian Mackie.
- There have been social media assertions made that the staff member in question related to this incident is Deputy Webb. Although we have not released the specific staff



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persons name, we can confirm that Deputy Webb was not involved in the incident in question.

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