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Sheriff's Office Investigates Officer Involved Shooting

On December 2, 2017, at approximately 6:00 PM, officers from the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) contacted a male in the vicinity of South Nevada Avenue and East Navajo Street.

During the encounter the officers attempted to take the suspect into custody for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The suspect resisted the officers and engaged them in a fight. At some point during the fight the suspect drew a handgun and was shot.

Emergency medical personnel transported the suspect to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The officers sustained minor injuries, were treated and released.

As a result of Senate Bill 15-219, Concerning Measures to Provide Additional Transparency to Peace Officer-Involved Shootings, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) will be investigating the officer involved shooting. Colorado Revised Statute 16-2.5-301, provides the statutory requirements for these investigations.

The officers involved have been placed on routine paid administrative leave in accordance with CSPD policy.

We are withholding the suspects identification until the Coroner makes positive identification and the next of kin is notified.

Once the El Paso County Sheriff's Office completes our investigation into the officer involved shooting, it will be given to the District Attorney's Office for review. The District Attorney's Office will then provide their report based on Senate Bill 15-219.

All updates will only be provided by the Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer.

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