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PRESS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting

On Thursday July 25, 2019, at approximately 12:35 p.m., officers from the Washington Township Police Department responded to the 400 block of Washburn Ave, Washington Township in response to a report of an assault where a male subject was observed repeatedly striking a female victim while she was on the ground. As patrols arrived on the scene, one officer made contact with a female individual in an SUV whom he believed to be the victim. The vehicle left the scene and the officer turned around and initiated a pursuit of the vehicle, however the officer was unable to make contact with the operator of the vehicle.

Other officers from the Washington Township Police Department also attempted to locate the vehicle and its occupant, believed to be the female victim of the domestic assault. An officer remained at the scene and continued to investigate the domestic violence incident. After speaking with the reporting party, the officer responded to a bungalow located at the rear of the property where the suspect, a Caucasian male (Tyler Lusardi-Paz, DOB April 12, 1991), was known to reside. The officer subsequently located the suspect, in the bungalow. While attempting to apprehend the suspect, an altercation ensued and the suspect was shot once in the abdomen.

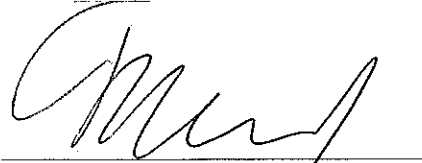
The suspect was treated at the scene by Washington Township police officers, as well as members of the Washington Emergency Squad and Paramedics from Hunterdon Medical Center. He was ultimately flown by helicopter to an area Trauma Center. The suspect is currently listed in stable condition.

The Washington Township officer who was involved in the incident was transported to the hospital for evaluation and/or treatment for injuries sustained in the incident, and was later released.

As per the New Jersey Attorney General's Policy, the Officer Involved Shooting is being investigated by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office with the assistance of the New Jersey State Police. Regarding the domestic violence incident, suspect Tyler Lusardi-Paz was charged with Third Degree Terroristic Threats and Simple Assault, a Disorderly Persons offense.

The facts and circumstances surrounding the shooting that occurred remain under investigation. Both the original domestic violence incident and the incident that resulted in the wounding of the suspect are being handled by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

Approved by:

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Dated: JULY 26, 2019