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Police Involved Shooting

On Friday April 3, 2020 at approximately 5:08 pm, the Westminster Police Department received a telephone call from a concerned citizen who reported seeing an adult male walking along the railroad tracks in the area of East Green St with a rifle. The caller further advised the subject with the rifle was staggering and had left the railroad tracks to the rear of the unit block of East Green St. Arriving Officers recognized the adult male from previous interactions. He was later identified as Thomas Charles Henson (29 year old) W/M of Westminster, MD. Officers reported that Mr. Henson was armed with a long gun. The responding officers engaged Mr. Henson in conversation. Officers indicated that Mr. Henson turned towards them and leveled the barrel of the gun, pointing it at the Officers. The five Officers responded to the threat and discharged their service weapons at Mr. Henson. He was struck by three rounds.

Officers immediately requested Emergency Medical Services to respond to the scene and they began treating Mr. Henson for his injuries. He was airlifted to the Adam Crowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore where he underwent surgery and is currently listed in critical but stable condition.

The Officers were not injured. They will be placed on administrative leave or duties pending the outcome of the investigation, which is routine in situations involving the use of deadly force.

The Westminster Police Department has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland State Police (MSP) to investigate Officer-involved shootings. MSP investigators responded to the scene and have taken over the investigation. MSP investigators are being assisted by Westminster Police Department Detectives.

The involved Officers include a Sergeant, a Corporal, two Officers and a Detective. Their names are not being released at this point per the request of MSP Detectives, as they have yet to be interviewed.

The Westminster Police Department will release additional information as it becomes available.

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