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## NEWS RELEASE

### MAN SHOT AFTER FIRING AT DEPUTIES AND STATE TROOPER

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[July 25, 2015, Joppa, MD] Deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office Southern Precinct and a Trooper from the BelAir Barrack of the Maryland State Police were involved in the shooting of a 23 year old male subject from Joppa.

At approximately 2:57 am, deputies were dispatched to the 3300 block of Clayton Road in Joppa for the report of a disorderly subject. While enroute, deputies were advised that the caller had informed dispatchers that their son was intoxicated and had possibly fired two shots while in his vehicle, which was located outside of their home at the time of the call.

Upon arrival, at approximately 3:04 am, deputies, with the assistance of a Maryland State Trooper, observed the subject in his vehicle, which had traveled off the driveway to the home and was stopped in a yard. As deputies and the trooper worked to communicate with the subject, he fired at least one shot from inside the vehicle. Deputies from the Sheriff's Office and the State Trooper attempted to again communicate with the subject and peaceably resolve the incident. Assistance from the Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, Special Response Team, and Crisis Negotiation Team was requested.

After approximately 30 minutes and unsuccessful negotiations, the subject exited his vehicle and fired his firearm towards law enforcement. In fear for their lives and the safety of others, deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and the Maryland State Trooper, returned fire, striking the subject.

The subject was transported to the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center for his injuries by Maryland State Police helicopter, Trooper 1. No deputies or troopers were injured.

The involved deputies and trooper are on routine administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation into this incident. Investigators from the Harford County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police Criminal Investigation Divisions are conducting a comprehensive investigation into the incident. Upon completion, the investigation will be forwarded to the Harford County State's Attorney's Office for review.

#### Harford County Sheriff's Office Mission

*With courage, honor and integrity we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens. In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and provide for a safe environment for all.*