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Update to Critical Incident Involving Franklin County Sheriff's Office

The Columbus Division of Police has received numerous inquiries from the media and the public regarding Friday's deadly shooting involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy. The Division has also seen a number of inaccurate statements circulating, which can only add to the pain and confusion of an already tragic situation.

Many of the facts of this shooting will not be known until the investigation is completed. Here are facts determined as of today:

- The incident involves a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy who was working as a member of a US Marshal's Task Force looking for violent offenders on Friday, December 4, 2020.
- During an operation in the Northland area of Columbus, the deputy reported witnessing a man with a gun.
- The deputy was investigating the situation, and there are reports of a verbal exchange. The deputy fired at Mr. Casey Goodson, resulting in his death. A gun was recovered from Mr. Goodson.
- Mr. Goodson was not the person being sought by the US Marshal's Task Force.
- This shooting occurred in the jurisdiction of the City of Columbus but did not involve any Columbus Police Officers. Therefore, Columbus Police Critical Incident Homicide Detectives are the primary investigators who are charged with gathering and documenting the facts.
- Investigators continue gathering facts which will include a statement from the deputy who fired his weapon.
- No other officers witnessed the shooting.
- No civilian eyewitnesses have been identified.



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- There is no body camera footage captured of the actual shooting. Franklin County Sheriff's task force officers are not issued body cameras.
- An autopsy will be performed by the Franklin County Coroner.
- The Division will provide all evidence to the Franklin County Prosecutor who will review the established facts. The prosecutor will present the findings to a civilian grand jury. The grand jury will determine whether the shooting was justified.
- Once the court process is completed, all records related to this investigation will become public record.
- The Franklin County Sheriff's Office identifies the deputy involved as Deputy Jason Meade, a 17-year veteran of the agency.

Statement from Columbus Police Chief Tom Quinlan: "The Columbus Division of Police is committed to conducting comprehensive investigations and exhausting all resources and methods to establish the facts. The Division will provide all evidence to the prosecutor and will maintain transparency with our community regarding this investigation as appropriate. We ask for the community to rely on the facts, and avoid sharing the kind of misinformation that can run rampant on social media. While difficult, please be patient for those facts to be established."