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SUBJECT: FPD Responds to disturbance call that results in Police K9 being stabbed and Officer Involved Shooting

DATE: 5-27-20

- OFFICER FERRELL WAS ABOUT 8 TO 10 FEET AWAY WHEN HE SAW KNIFE.
- OFFICER FERRELL WAS NEVER THREATENED.

On Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 1000 pm officers were called to the 3600 block of West Avenue for a family disturbance. A 911 caller said that a domestic violence incident occurred inside the residence. During the incident two teenage children tried to intervene but the male suspect pulled a knife on them. While officers were still responding, information was received that the male suspect obtained a handgun and fired several rounds. As officers arrived on scene multiple family members ran from the house. Seconds later the suspect exited the house holding a knife. Numerous commands to drop the knife were given but the suspect refused to do so. The suspect, still armed with the knife, attempted to re-enter the house where other family members were believed to be still inside. A canine was deployed. The suspect stabbed the canine and an officer involved shooting occurred.

Officers began life-saving measures while paramedics responded. The suspect was transported to a local trauma center where he was later pronounced deceased.

The canine was transported to a veterinary hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. The canine is expected to make a full recovery.

A knife was recovered at the scene.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office is handling the investigation into the officer involved shooting, as is standard protocol. The deceased suspect's identity will be released by the Orange County Coroner.

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