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Re: *Helena Police Department Press Release – Jester’s Bar Critical Incident*

CFS: 1102245-81

On November 02, 2024, at 11:42 pm, Officers with the Helena Police Department were dispatched to Jester’s Bar located at 200 North Rodney for a report of an individual refusing to leave the establishment and had now barricaded himself in the bathroom. Employees of Jester’s were able to get the male to leave but staff reported he had jumped a fence and entered the business through the backdoor. They further reported he barricaded himself inside the public bathroom.

When officers arrived, they attempted to contact the male, but he refused to leave the bathroom. While officers were speaking with him, he brandished a knife towards the officers. Officers attempted to detain the male by use of less-lethal force by utilizing a taser. In trying to restrain the male after the tasing, the male stabbed the initial contact Officer with the knife resulting in Officers discharging their duty weapons and striking the male.

Directly after the shooting, Officers rendered medical aid to the male. The male succumbed to the injuries from being shot by Officers and was pronounced deceased on scene by medical personnel. His identity will not be released at this time.

The injured Officer was transported to St. Peter’s emergency room by an East Helena Police Officer. He was treated for his injury and is in stable condition. No other officers were injured during the incident. The names of the officers involved will not be released at this time.

Per department policy, the involved Officers have been placed on administrative leave. The Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s Office has also been requested per Department protocol and is conducting an independent investigation to ensure transparency and impartiality.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the individuals involved and affected by this tragic incident. This incident impacts our entire community, and we want to make sure we are thinking of everyone during this time.

We will be unable to release further information at this time as this is an active investigation. We appreciate your patience and understanding.