



## Press Release

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CASE# 24-00119558

### Officer Involved Shooting

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 07:56 am, the Melbourne Police Department received a call from a male at the Pentagon Apartment Complex (33 W Strawbridge Ave). Officers were dispatched to the location to check the well-being of the male. As two officers arrived, they knocked on the front door and the male began shooting through the front door at the officers. As officers were taking cover, two additional officers arrived on scene and the male fired additional rounds out a window at those officers. The area was immediately locked down and officers from multiple agencies responded. SWAT teams and Crisis Negotiators responded and were attempting to contact the male by phone when he emerged out the front door armed with weapon. Officers fired and the male collapsed to ground. Officers attempted to provide medical aid; however, he succumbed to his injuries.

As standard protocol, the officers involved in the incident were placed in an administrative assignment. In addition, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) agents responded to investigate the officer involved shooting.

The male has been identified as:

William J. Banks Jr.

47yo

Melbourne, FL. 32901

Anyone with information is asked to call the Melbourne Police Department (321-608-6731), or the Central Florida Crimeline (800-423-TIPS).

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