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MEDIA RELEASE

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Statement to the Community Regarding the November 2, 2025 Officer-Involved Shooting

The Salisbury Police Department continues to serve the community after a police-involved shooting in early November 2025.

On the evening of November 2, 2025 Salisbury Police officers were called to assist the Maryland State Police to aid in locating a homicide suspect, 40-year-old David Evans, wanted in connection with a murder that occurred just hours before. Officers received information that Mr. Evans was in the area of Bryn Mawr Dr. and Hammond St. When they arrived, a canvas of the area was conducted, which included a K-9 track.

Officers located Mr. Evans on a property of a residence within the 700 block of Jefferson St. Mr. Evans did not live at the residence, nor was he known to anyone there. When officers made contact, they gave Mr. Evans commands to show them his hands. Officers soon observed a handgun within arms' reach on the hood of the pickup truck behind which Mr. Evans was standing. It was also quickly learned that the property owner was inside the pickup truck. She ultimately exited the vehicle and was escorted to safety by an officer. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Evans took hold of the handgun and began to raise and point it at officers. Fearing for their lives, two officers fired their department-issued handguns and one officer fired his department-authorized rifle. Once officers believed Mr. Evans was no longer a threat, they immediately began to render aid and requested EMS. Mr. Evans was transported to Tidal Health Peninsula regional, where he was later pronounced deceased.

In accordance with Maryland law, the Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General was notified and responded to assume the investigation. The Salisbury Police Department has fully cooperated with the IID since the night of the incident and remains committed to transparency and community safety. IID will release the involved officers' body-worn camera footage, as required by the Police Accountability Act of 2021. This release is not intended to condemn either the officers or Mr. Evans, but to ensure openness about the events that occurred. The officers who discharged their weapons have been on administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation.

The situation our personnel faced that night is every police officer's worst fear. Salisbury Police Officers undergo extensive firearms training with the hope that they will never be required to use lethal force in the line of duty. On that tragic evening, Mr. Evans made a choice that required our officers to act to protect the community, putting themselves in harm's way to ensure no one else was injured or worse. Regardless of the circumstances, this incident is a tragedy for Mr. Evans, his family and friends, our personnel, and the entire community.

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of community support during this difficult time.

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