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Investigative Report Released for September 2022 Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in Riverdale Park

BALTIMORE, MD (March 29, 2023) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General today released its investigative report of the September 19, 2022, fatal officer-involved shooting in Riverdale Park.

On September 19, 2022, officers with the Riverdale Park Police Department responded to a home in the 4700 block of Oglethorpe Street in Riverdale Park for the report of a suicidal man who had access to firearms. Once on scene, officers spoke with the man identified as Bryan Coupal for approximately 20 minutes at the front door of the home. During their conversation, Mr. Coupal admitted to having guns inside the house. While Officer Chad Sunday was speaking with Mr. Coupal, Mr. Coupal sat down on the steps immediately inside the doorway of the home. He later retreated inside the house and walked into an upstairs bedroom. Officer Sunday gave Mr. Coupal repeated commands to stay downstairs, but he did not comply. Once inside the bedroom, Mr. Coupal picked up a gun and pointed it at Officer Sunday but did not fire. Officer Sunday discharged his firearm, striking Mr. Coupal. Officers rendered aid until medical personnel arrived. Mr. Coupal was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. No officers were injured.

The IID concluded its investigation on March 8, 2023, and forwarded its investigative report to the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office on March 9, 2023. The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office notified Riverdale Park Police on March 16, 2023, of its decision not to prosecute the case.

The IID's report contains detailed investigative findings and an analysis of relevant legal issues. Because the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office—not the IID—retains prosecution authority in this case, the report does not make any recommendations as to whether any individual should or should not be charged. A copy of the investigative report can be found [here](#).

By law, the IID's report must remain confidential until any related prosecution is completed or the State's Attorney's Office declines to prosecute. If the local State's Attorney decides to prosecute the matter, the IID will release the report, with appropriate redactions for confidentiality, within 30 days of a final judgment of all defendants in the case. If the local

State's Attorney declines to prosecute, the IID will release the report, with appropriate redactions for confidentiality, within 30 days of that determination.

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