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Independent Investigations Division Investigating a Police-Involved In-Custody Death in Hagerstown

BALTIMORE, MD (October 27, 2024) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General is investigating a police-involved in-custody death that occurred in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Saturday night.

Preliminarily, on Saturday October 26, 2024, at approximately 10:15 p.m., officers from the Hagerstown Police Department were executing a search warrant at a residence in the 100 block of E. Washington Street. Upon officers' arrival, a man was located outside of the residence, was placed in handcuffs, and put into a police cruiser during the search. While in the back seat of the police cruiser, the man vomited, had difficulty breathing, and became unresponsive. Officers immediately rendered medical aid. The man was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. The officers were equipped with body-worn cameras and dashboard cameras.

The IID will generally release the name of the decedent and subject officers within two business days of the incident, although that period may be extended, if necessary, pursuant to IID protocol.

The IID will generally release body-worn camera footage within 20 business days of an incident. There may be situations where more than 20 days are necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to shield the identities of civilian witnesses, or to allow family members to view the video before it is released to the public.

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