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## Decedent and Officer Identified in Fatal Police Shooting in Suitland

**BALTIMORE, MD (February 5, 2024)** - The Independent Investigations Division of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General has identified the decedent and discharging officer in the fatal shooting that occurred on February 1, 2024, in Suitland, Maryland.

The decedent has been identified as 31-year-old Melvin Jay of Suitland.

The officer who discharged their weapon has been identified as Prince George's County Police Officer Braxton Shelton. Officer Shelton has a total of four years of law enforcement experience and is assigned to the Bureau of Patrol.

The Independent Investigations Division continues to investigate the circumstances of the fatal shooting. To read the original news release, click [here](#).

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