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Independent Investigations Division Investigating Death of Man in Baltimore City

BALTIMORE, MD (August 5, 2022) – The Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General is investigating the death of a man that occurred in Baltimore City Thursday morning.

On August 4, 2022, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Baltimore Police Officers responded to the 2400 block of Sherwood Avenue for the report of an overdose. Once on scene, an officer located an adult male in the roadway in distress being restrained by a citizen. The officer handcuffed and put leg restraints on the man in an attempt to restrain him. Emergency Medical personnel arrived on scene and began treating the man, who became unconscious. Once inside the ambulance the officer removed the handcuffs and leg restraints. The man was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy will be performed by The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and will determine the cause and manner of death.

The body-worn camera of the involved officer was active during the incident. The video may be released in accordance with Baltimore Police Department and Independent Investigations Division policies.

The Independent Investigations Division of the Attorney General's Office and the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) continue to investigate this incident.

The Maryland General Assembly, in Senate Bill 600, passed a law mandating that the Office of Attorney General (OAG) investigate all police-involved fatalities in the State of Maryland beginning October 1, 2021. These investigations are conducted by the office's Independent Investigations Division, in conjunction with the Maryland State Police. The OAG and BPD have reached an agreement to allow for the Attorney General's investigation while still allowing BPD to meet the investigatory obligations of its federal consent decree.

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