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MACOMB, IL – Update to Domestic Violence / Officer-Involved Shooting

At approximately 10:00 PM on Saturday, March 16th, Macomb Police Officers responded to the 900 block of North Charles following multiple 911 calls for an active domestic violence incident at that location.

Upon arriving, officers observed blood in a common area of the complex and heard screams for help coming from inside an apartment. After announcing their presence and forcibly gaining entry to the residence, Macomb Police Officers discovered a 36-year-old female occupant who had numerous visible injuries and was bleeding from multiple stab wounds. The female occupant was removed from the apartment and received medical attention. Officers also observed a male suspect in the apartment who was armed with a knife.

In an event that unfolds in a few seconds, the male suspect refused to comply with multiple commands to drop the weapon. While still armed, the male suspect reached into a room, briefly disappearing out of sight of the officers, before returning into view. Fearing for their safety, a Macomb Police officer discharged one round from their duty weapon fatally striking the male suspect. There was also a minor child deceased at the scene and an autopsy is scheduled for later today which will determine the nature and scope of their injuries.

In the interest of transparency and pursuant to department policy, the investigation of this incident is being conducted by the Illinois State Police (ISP) and the McDonough County State's Attorney. An autopsy has been scheduled and medical related questions should be directed to the McDonough County Coroner. Also per department policy, the Macomb Police Officers involved in this incident have been placed on administrative leave, pending further investigation.

On behalf of the Macomb Police Department, I wish to express my deepest sympathies to the families of all involved in this tragic incident.

Additional inquiries regarding this investigation should be directed to the Illinois State Police at isp.pio.personnel@illinois.gov.

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