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**Robbery Suspect Shot After Pointing Gun at Police**

Toledo, OH (April 14, 2023): On April 14, 2023, at approximately 09:25 AM, Toledo Police officers responded to the area of 828 Phillips in reference to two black male suspects that robbed the Dollar General at gunpoint. The suspects also robbed a citizen who was at the store. Officers observed the two suspects fleeing the scene and pursued them on foot. During the chase, one of the suspects fired at least one shot at an officer and avoided apprehension. Officers quickly formed a perimeter in an attempt to reacquire the suspects. Shortly after, one of the suspects was located and observed to be holding a gun. Additional crews arrived on scene and officers, including a member of the Critical Incident Negotiation Team, attempted to de-escalate the situation, at one point calling for a less-lethal option. The armed suspect refused to comply with verbal commands to drop the gun. The suspect pointed the gun to his own head, lowered it, then raised the gun towards officers and pointed it at them. The suspect was then shot by officers.

Officers immediately rendered lifesaving aid as Toledo Fire and Rescue personnel arrived. The suspect was then transported to the hospital where he was eventually pronounced deceased. The additional suspect was later located and placed into custody by officers. Detectives continue to work to identify both suspects. Two firearms were recovered in relation to this incident.

Toledo Police Chief Michael Troendle and Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz met with the Rapid Response Team this afternoon regarding the incident. This team consists of members of the community.

The Toledo Police officers who fired their weapons will be placed on paid Administrative Leave per collective bargaining agreements. As the case continues to be investigated, additional information will be forthcoming. The involved officers' information and body-worn camera footage will be released at a news conference in the near future, date and time to be determined.

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