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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **SBI INVESTIGATING FOLLOWING FATAL OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CHERRYVILLE SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

**CHERRYVILLE, N.C.** – A civil disturbance call in the 400 block of West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sunday afternoon led to a fatal officer-involved shooting.

Cherryville Police officers were called to the scene just after 1 p.m. Sunday, when they encountered the man who had caused the disturbance walking along the road. After approaching the man, a fight ensued between the suspect and the two officers.

The suspect assaulted one of the officers several times before grabbing a pipe. An Officer on scene fired a single shot. The suspect was taken from the scene by Gaston Emergency Medical Services to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The name of the decedent in the case is Thomas Michael Gregory Rivera w/m 35 yoa who resides at 233 Delview Dr Cherryville NC 28021

The State Bureau of Investigation is handling the inquiry into the shooting. As is standard procedure, the officer's involved have been placed on administrative duties pending the completion of the investigation.