

Florida Cops Kill Mentally III Man

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FULL TEXT

An investigation is underway in the police-involved killing of an African-American psychiatric patient on Saturday who was reportedly armed with a piece of glass.

It's unclear if the officers failed to use de-escalation procedures to avoid a fatal outcome.

The Sun-Sentinel identified the man as Jarvis Randall, a patient at the University Hospital and Medical Center's behavioral health center in Tamarac, Florida. Staff members called the Broward County Sheriff's Office about him on Saturday night.

Randal, a felon who was on mental-health probation for burglary, became violent and made threats, according to the sheriff's office .

One of the officers shot at Randall with a beanbag, but instead of stopping him, it caused Randall to charge at the deputies. That prompted the three officers to shoot him. He was armed with a piece of glass.

The three deputies are on restricted duty while the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigates.

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