

TAMPA POLICE FATALLY SHOOT MAN WIELDING MACHETE

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ABSTRACT (ENGLISH)

Officers arrived at 1805 Marvy Ave. in north Tampa after receiving a call regarding a man threatening a relative with a machete, according to a Tampa Police Department news release. The officers have been placed on paid administrative leave while the shooting is investigated, which is standard practice, according to the release.

FULL TEXT

Tampa police fatally shot a machete-wielding man late Saturday. The man refused to drop his weapon, even after being tased.

Officers arrived at 1805 Marvy Ave. in north Tampa after receiving a call regarding a man threatening a relative with a machete, according to a Tampa Police Department news release.

Sidney T. Richardson IV was in a room with his 17-year-old cousin, Jessica Marsh, when police ordered Richardson to drop the weapon several times. Even after a taser was deployed, Richardson held on to the machete, police said.

Police feared for Marsh's safety and their own, the release stated.

One officer fired his weapon at Richardson, killing him. Neither Marsh nor the officers were injured.

The officers have been placed on paid administrative leave while the shooting is investigated, which is standard practice, according to the release.

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