

## BCA Investigating St. Paul Officer Involved - Targeted News Service (USA) - August 7, 2018

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota, Aug. 7 -- The Minnesota Department of Public Safety issued the following news release:

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) has identified two officers who discharged their firearms during a fatal officer involved shooting incident that happened on Sunday. Both are on standard administrative leave.

\* Officer Matthew Jones has been with the St. Paul Police Department for five years.

\* Officer Vincent Adams has also been with the department for five years.

In addition, the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office has identified the individual who died during the incident as **William James Hughes**, 43, of 905 St. Anthony Avenue in St. Paul. Hughes died of multiple gunshot wounds. The BCA is investigating the incident at the request of the St. Paul Police Department.

St. Paul police officers at approximately 2:30 a.m. Sunday responded to a 911 call of multiple shots fired on the upper floor of a multi-unit dwelling at 905 St. Anthony Avenue in St. Paul.

According to the BCA's preliminary investigation, the officers entered an enclosed porch and knocked on one of two interior apartment doors. A man, now identified as Hughes, emerged through the other door. At one point the officers discharged their firearms, striking Hughes. Mr. Hughes was pronounced deceased at the scene.

BCA crime scene personnel later recovered a gun at the scene. Both officers were wearing body cameras, which captured the incident.

This is an open and active investigation and the BCA continues to conduct interviews and analyze evidence to determine the facts of the incident. The BCA requests that any member of the public who witnessed or captured video of the incident contact the BCA at 651-793-7000.

When the investigation is complete, the BCA will turn its findings over without recommendation to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office for review.

### BCA Investigations of Officer Involved Incidents

BCA agents conduct thorough, independent investigations of conflict incidents, including officer involved shootings, at the request of the local agency. The BCA conducts these investigations, at the request of local law enforcement agencies, if the case(s) meet the criteria necessary to require

an outside, independent review under the state's standard protocols.

Like other BCA investigations, an investigation into an officer involved incident will take as long as is needed to get a complete understanding of the events that transpired. These investigations can include:

- \* Processing scenes.
- \* Interviewing witnesses, including officers.
- \* Collecting and analyzing evidence.

Once all the information is gathered, the BCA completes a report on all of the facts in the case. The BCA then turns its findings over to a county attorney for a complete review and possible charges.

Under Minnesota law, the BCA is not allowed to discuss active investigations. Once the investigation is inactive, most data is public. (See Minnesota Statutes, section 13.82 subd. 7 for more information).

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