

Church Hill man fatally shot by police in - Rogersville Review, The (TN) - March 19, 2018

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JONESBOROUGH — The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, late Friday, March 16, identified the man fatally shot by police on Hwy. 11E in Jonesborough earlier that afternoon as **Mark Clinton Harrell, Jr.**, 26, of Church Hill.

At the request of 1st District Attorney General Tony Clark, TBI Special Agents were called in to investigate circumstances involved in the shooting.

Preliminary information indicates that just before 1 p.m., the Jonesborough Police Department received a complaint concerning possible drug activity at a hotel along East Jackson Boulevard/ Hwy. 11E.

Upon arrival, officers encountered a male subject in the parking lot. The man allegedly displayed a large knife and threatened to harm himself before leading officers on a foot pursuit. The chase crossed over E. Jackson Boulevard and ended in the 400 block.

Officers continued to give the individual orders to drop the weapon, but he refused to comply. At some point during the second confrontation, the subject reportedly moved toward one of the officers with the knife. The situation further escalated and resulted in the officer firing his service weapon, striking Harrell.

Harrell was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

No officers were injured during the incident.

TBI Special Agents will gather any and all relevant interviews and evidence as part of this ongoing investigation, a news release said.

"Throughout the process, Agents will submit investigative findings to the District Attorney General for his review and consideration," the release continued.

TBI does not identify officers involved in such incidents and instead refers questions of that nature to their respective department.