

A machete-wielding man fatally shot by Tampa police; no officers injured

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FULL TEXT

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

Officers arrived at the 1800 block of Marvy Avenue 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 safety, 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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