

Church Hill man dies in Jonesborough officer- - Bristol Herald Courier (VA) - March 16, 2018

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JONESBOROUGH, Tenn.—A Church Hill man died Friday as the result of an officer-involved shooting in Jonesborough, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said.

Just before 1 p.m., Jonesborough officers responded to a hotel along U.S. Highway 11E on the report of possible drug activity, the TBI said in a news release. Officers soon located a man, identified as **Mark Clinton Harrell Jr.**, 26, in the parking lot. He had a large knife and threatened to harm himself before leading officers on a foot pursuit, authorities said. Officers pursued the man as he ran across the highway.

Officers ordered the man to drop the weapon, but he refused, the release states. At some point, the man reportedly moved toward one of the officers with the knife, it adds. The situation escalated and the officer fired his service weapon, striking the man.

Harrell was taken to the hospital where he died, said the TBI, which continues to investigate.

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