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**Statement from the City of Mount Rainier**

**Mount Rainier Police Officer Involved in September 26th Fatal Incident**

**Mount Rainier, MD – September 30, 2019** – On September 26, 2019, an officer from the Mount Rainier Police Department responded to a request for aid in the City of Hyattsville to assist the Hyattsville Police Department, our mutual aid partner. During the incident, a suspect who was armed with two knives was shot and killed. The officer from the Mount Rainier Police Department, Officer Damien Graham, discharged his service weapon, along with other officers from Hyattsville Police Department and Prince George’s County Police Department, after less lethal options had failed, and in defense of other officers who responded. The City of Mount Rainier is cooperating fully with the investigation into this incident and, at the appropriate time, the footage from Officer Graham’s body camera will be released. Officer Graham has more than nine years of experience in law enforcement and has been employed with the Mount Rainier Police Department since June 2019. As a standard operating procedure, Officer Graham is on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

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