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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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CONTACT: Sean Fagan
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting Investigation

On June 21, 2021 at approximately 9:46AM officers responded to the 1000 block of Morrell Avenue for a report of a disturbance between two male subjects. During the preliminary investigation, it was determined that Devon M. Johnson age 27 of Rolla arrived at a residence to discuss a child custody matter with Terry J. Brown age 27 of Rolla, who lives at the residence. Mr. Brown exited the residence and a verbal argument ensued in the street near Mr. Johnson's vehicle. Mr. Brown then retreated into his house and recovered a firearm. He returned to the vehicle and fired his weapon in the direction of Mr. Johnson, striking his vehicle several times. Mr. Johnson then retrieved a firearm from his vehicle and returned fire, critically wounding Mr. Brown.

Mr. Johnson then ran to a neighbor's house to seek help. He later surrendered to police upon officer arrival and was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to the Rolla Police Department and interviewed regarding the incident. He was then transported to the Phelps County Jail and incarcerated on an outstanding warrant for an unrelated charge of harassment.

Mr. Brown was transported to Phelps Health where he later succumbed to his injuries. The deceased is identified as Terry J. Brown age 27 of Rolla, Missouri. His next of kin have been notified.

This case is currently under investigation by the Rolla Police Department's Division of Criminal Investigation. At the time of this press release, no criminal charges have been requested regarding this case. Upon completion of this investigation, it will be forwarded to the Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for charging consideration.

Agencies assisting in this incident include the Missouri S & T Police Department, City of Rolla Fire Department, and Phelps Health Ambulance.

If you have additional information pertaining to this case, please call Detective Joey Lahman of the Rolla Police Department, (573) 308-1213, or the Rolla Police Department's confidential tip hotline at (573) 364-0111.