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ARMED MAN SHOT IN GUNFIRE EXCHANGE WITH TWO POLICE OFFICERS

WHO: Michael Gaides (Suspect/Deceased)
W/M DOB 8-29-56
Lexington Apartments #129
1200 S. Missouri Avenue
Clearwater, Fla.

Elizabeth Cardarelli (Victim)
W/F DOB 5-11-37
Lexington Apartments #224
1200 S. Missouri Avenue
Clearwater, Fla.

Officer Scott Durivou
Clearwater Police Department
Patrol Division
Date of Hire: 7-16-01

Officer Eliad Glenn
Clearwater Police Department
Patrol Division
Date of Hire: 6-09-07

WHAT: Officer Involved Shooting

WHEN: March 2, 2009
11:20 p.m.

WHERE: Lexington Apartments #129
1200 S. Missouri Avenue
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: An armed man was shot after firing at police officers during a domestic investigation. The man, identified as Michael Gaides, was pronounced dead at the scene by Clearwater Fire & Rescue paramedics at 11:34 p.m.

The event began with a domestic disturbance at the Lexington Apartments involving the suspect, Michael Gaides, and the victim, Elizabeth Cardarelli. Both the suspect and victim have their residence listed as apartment #224, however Gaides had been staying with a friend in apartment #129.

When officers responded to unit #224 at 10:48 p.m., the suspect had already gone back downstairs to apartment #129. The officers made contact with the victim and began their investigation. After interviewing the victim, the officers went to apartment #129 to make contact with the suspect. When officers knocked on the door, the suspect's roommate let them in and told officers the suspect was in his bedroom.

The officers located the suspect in his room and a verbal exchange ensued through the closed door. When officers opened the door, the suspect fired at them. Both officers returned fire, striking the suspect at least once. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. Next of kin notification has been made. Additional guns were located in the suspect's bedroom.

The officers involved in the shooting, Officer Scott Durivou and Officer Eliad Glenn, are assigned to the Patrol Division. They have been placed on administrative leave with pay during the investigation, which is standard procedure (officers' employment abstracts attached).

The information in this release should be regarded as preliminary in nature. No further information will be released until an investigation by the Office of Professional Standards (Internal Affairs) and the Criminal Investigations Division have been completed. The shooting will also be reviewed by the Pinellas-Pasco State Attorney's Office.

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