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ASSAILANT IS KILLED BY OFFICER

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Article Text:

A Prince George County police officer shot and killed a man who assaulted him late Tuesday while the officer was responding to a domestic dispute, county police said yesterday.

The dead man was identified as 29-year-old Terrence T. Bland of the 6200 block of Claiborne Road in Sutherland. The name of the officer has not been released.

About 11:20 p.m. a woman living in the Branchester Lakes subdivision in the 4100 block of Nicholas Place - a quiet, recently developed cul-de-sac - called police to report a trespassing.

The man eventually shot had argued with the woman and then left the area, police said.

While the responding officer was interviewing the woman, the man returned in a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed.

After the woman identified the driver as the subject of her complaint, the man left his vehicle and approached the woman, who was just inside the front door. The officer tried to stop the man but was attacked, police said.

The officer then tried to subdue the man, but the man overpowered him, police added.

The police officer broke free and fired a shot that missed the man, who charged at the officer again, police said. The officer then fired a second shot, police said, which struck the man in the chest.

Other officers and emergency personnel arrived and began life-saving efforts, but the man was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell.

The Virginia State Police will investigate the matter.

Caption:

Map

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