MEDIA RELEASE: ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT AT WAL MART

Chesapeake, VA (November 23, 2022): On November 22, 2022, at around 10:12 p.m., Chesapeake Police responded to the Wal Mart located at 1521 Sam’s Circle in reference to an active shooter inside the store. The first officer arrived on scene within two minutes, at around 10:14 p.m. and officers entered the store at around 10:16 p.m.

Once inside the store, officers began locating and evacuating occupants of the store. Officers located several injured and deceased individuals during their search. At least 6 injured people were transported to local hospitals for further treatment. There was a total of seven fatalities. Three individuals, to include the shooter, were located deceased in the break room of the store. One victim was located deceased near the front of the store. Three other victims were transported to local hospitals for further treatment, but succumbed to their injuries.

The shooter has been identified as 31 year old Andre Bing of Chesapeake. Mr. Bing was dead upon police arrival on the scene. At this time it is believed Mr. Bing died from a self inflicted gun shot wound. Mr. Bing has been identified as an employee of Wal Mart. He was armed with one handgun and several magazines on his person. Mr. Bing was dressed in civilian clothing and was not wearing any type of armor or a ballistic vest. A photo of Mr. Bing is attached to this e-mail.

At the time of the shooting, at least 50 people are believed to have been inside the store. Police are still trying to account for anyone who may have been at the store and witnessed the incident, but fled prior to police arrival. At this time, anyone with information may submit it to the FBI hotline, 1-800-CALLFBI.

The Chesapeake SWAT team executed a search warrant at the suspect’s residence and with the help of Virginia State Police cleared the house. Investigators are actively working to learn more about the suspect’s background and what may have motivated the shooting.

The Wal Mart is expected to be closed for several days while detectives continue to collect evidence and process the crime scene. Detectives are working to learn more about the shooter’s background and what may have motivated the shooting.

Chesapeake Detectives are actively communicating with the victims' family members and will release the names of the victims once contact has been made with all family members. It is of the utmost importance that we put their families first and approach the release of their information with sensitivity.

As more information becomes available, it will be released.

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