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PRESS RELEASE

TO: All Local Media
FROM: Master Officer Samuel Winkler
RE: Officer Involved Shooting – UPDATE #3
DATE: 11/25/2014

On Saturday, November 22, 2014, at 12:12 p.m., the South Jordan Police Department received a 911 call reporting a trespass in-progress at 11370 South Brook-N-Lance Lane in South Jordan.

The male trespassing suspect, who left prior to police arrival, is identified as 26-year-old Ty Worthington. Officers with the South Jordan Police Department arrived in the area at 12:19 p.m. and began an investigation. Mr. Worthington was ultimately located several properties to the north of the residence. The officer confronted Mr. Worthington in a horse corral and during the confrontation multiple shots were fired. A small caliber hand gun was recovered near the deceased.

No other persons, including the officer, were injured during the confrontation.

The South Jordan Police Department is currently testing and evaluating three different types of body cameras. The officer involved was conducting a test and evaluation on one of the camera units. These units have limited battery life and memory storage and are utilized sparingly to last an entire 10-hour shift. This particular camera unit being tested by this officer doesn't have the "pre-record" function. While officers investigated the situation for nearly 45-minutes, the camera was not activated. This was considered a routine call where officers would not normally activate a camera system while conducting an area search. The officer encountered the subject and the situation rapidly escalated. The recording device was not activated.

Following the shooting, the Officer Involved Critical Incident Protocol was activated. Investigators from the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office and the Utah Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene and are assisting the South Jordan Police Department in this investigation.

For additional information, please contact Officer Samuel Winkler of the South Jordan City Police Department by cell (801) 330-2183 (swinkler@sjc.utah.gov).

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