

**CITY OF RALEIGH
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**



To: Ruffin Hall,
City Manager

From: C.L. Deck-Brown, *CDB*
Police Chief

Date: December 23, 2014

Re: Preliminary Report of December 17, 2014
Officer-Involved Shooting

An officer-involved shooting occurred on December 17, 2014, at Family Preservation Services of North Carolina, which is a mental health treatment facility located at 3824-200 Barrett Drive. As is standard practice, the State Bureau of Investigation is conducting a criminal investigation of the shooting and will present its findings to the Wake County District Attorney for review. The Internal Affairs Unit of the Raleigh Police Department is conducting an administrative investigation of the use of deadly force by the officer. When complete, the administrative investigation will be reviewed by supervisory staff. The detective division is investigating the crimes committed by the subject who was shot. All investigations are on-going. The preliminary review of the incident shows the following:

Shortly before 8:30 a.m. on December 17, 2014, officers were dispatched to respond to an assault-in-progress call at the business. The caller, who is a receptionist at the business, indicated that one of its patients was assaulting an employee.

Officer S.C. Nziuki was nearby and arrived on the scene shortly after the 911 call for service was dispatched. When she arrived, she was approached in the parking lot by the assault victim, who told her that he had confronted a client, Mr. Marcel Jordan, about elements of the client's behavior. When the victim confronted Mr. Jordan, he became upset, damaged property in the victim's office, physically assaulted the victim, and began screaming, "You don't (*expletive deleted*) with me! This is what you get for (*expletive deleted*) with me! I'm gonna kill a cop today! I don't mind if I die today! I'm ready to die!" The assault victim also told Officer Nziuki that Mr. Jordan was still in the business, along with at least one employee. Concerned for the safety of anyone left in the business, Officer Nziuki requested additional assistance. Officer D.M. Pietras responded and the two officers entered the business.

Upon exiting the elevator on the second floor, officers heard a male screaming. When they entered the small waiting area of the business, they saw Mr. Jordan standing in the hallway immediately in front of them, holding a pair of metal scissors in his right hand. Mr. Jordan was screaming, and appeared to be extremely upset. The receptionist, who witnessed the incident

from her office, heard Mr. Jordan yell, "I'll kill you! I don't give a (*expletive deleted*)."

She then saw him begin to walk towards the officers with the scissors in his right hand.

The officers drew their firearms, backed up, and began to repeatedly tell Mr. Jordan to drop the scissors and get down on the ground. As Mr. Jordan continued to advance, Officer D.W. Sigrist entered the waiting area and observed the subject advancing on the officers with scissors. Officer Sigrist drew his Taser and deployed it, striking Mr. Jordan. The Taser did not appear to have any effect on Mr. Jordan, who continued to advance on the officers with the scissors still in his right hand. Officer Nziuki fired one shot at Mr. Jordan, striking him in the torso. He fell forward onto his stomach landing at the officers' feet. Officers immediately called for an ambulance and began rendering first aid.

No officers were injured during this incident. Mr. Jordan was admitted to Wake Medical Center.

Pursuant to departmental policy, Officer Nziuki was placed on administrative leave pending the completion of the SBI and administrative investigations.