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North Carolina Homicide Suspects Located at the Knights Inn

On Saturday, November 7, 2015 at approximately 2:30 pm, Bensalem Police were patrolling the area of the Knights Inn, 2707 Lincoln Hwy, when officers discovered that a subject staying in room 142 had an active PA arrest warrant out for his arrest for parole violation.

When the officers entered the motel room, the officers were fired upon by one of the occupants. Officers retreated and gained cover outside the motel room. The Bucks County South SWAT Team responded and eventually made entry into the room. Two suspects were arrested and a third suspect was discovered deceased inside the room, with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The deceased was identified as 34 year old Lloyd Wayne Franklin.

The two additional occupants were identified as James Miller and Jennifer Lanning. James Miller has an active PA warrant for parole violation and will be sent to the Bucks County Correctional Facility. It was subsequently discovered that Lloyd Franklin and Jennifer Lanning both had active arrests warrants out of Davidson County, North Carolina for homicide.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Officer Saved by Streamlight Tactical Flashlight

Bensalem Police are confirming that a Bensalem Police Officer's life was saved by his Streamlight tactical flashlight when the officer was fired upon on November 7. The officer encountered the suspect hiding in a closet when he was searching a motel room at the Knights Inn. When the officer opened the closet door, the suspect fired two shots from a .38 caliber revolver at point blank range. The officer was unable to return fire due to the gun malfunctioning, but thankfully he was able to escape the room unharmed.

Further investigation revealed that one of the .38 caliber projectiles struck and lodged in the officer's Streamlight tactical flashlight. The tactical flashlight was mounted underneath the barrel of the officer's gun. The impact of the projectile is what disabled the gun, but the flashlight certainly prevented serious injury or death to the officer.



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