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PRESS RELEASE

On April 8, 2023 at approximately 1:13 PM Phillipsburg Police received a report that a female had been shot by a black male wearing a red hat and blue jeans in the area of 10 Hanover St. in Phillipsburg. Police were dispatched and arrived at the scene at 1:16 PM. Lt. Douglas Baylor, a twenty-four year veteran of the Phillipsburg Police Department arrived along with Officer Fielding. Immediately upon the officers arrival the suspect opened fire on the Police. Lt. Baylor suffered a gunshot wound to his leg specifically his thigh when one of the shots passed through the door of the Police vehicle and struck him as he was exiting the vehicle. Officer Fielding attempted to return fire however his weapon malfunctioned. The shooting suspect then turned his gun on himself and took his own life. Lt. Baylor and the female victim were flown to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. Lt. Baylor was treated and released later the same day. The female victim received three gunshot wounds and remains hospitalized and is in stable condition.

The suspect is identified as:

Alkabir I. Boone
Date of Birth: 2/3/88
10 Hanover St.
Phillipsburg, NJ

Boone used an illegally possessed 9MM handgun during the shooting. Boone has multiple prior convictions including:

2008	Simple Assault (Disorderly Person offense)	Rahway, NJ
2009	Resisting Arrest (3 rd Degree)	Union County, NJ
2010	Unlawful Possession of a Handgun (2 nd Deg.)	Union County, NJ
2014	Consp Manufacture/Distribute CDS (3rd Deg.)	Union County, NJ
2022	Resisting Arrest (Disorderly Person Offense)	Phillipsburg, NJ

The shooting remains under investigation by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. If anyone has any information regarding this matter please contact the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. Numerous agencies assisted in the response and initial investigation including the Warren County Crime Scene Team, New Jersey State

Police, Lopatcong Township Police Department, Pohatcong Township Police Department, Greenwich Township Police Department and Easton Police Department.

Dated: April 10, 2023

Approved by:

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