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**Press Release**

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### **Barricaded Person, 3500 Block of Beverly Drive**

**December 15, 2016 (Highland Park, Texas)** – This morning at around 9:47 a.m., our Communications Center was notified of a “man with a gun” at a home in the 3500 block of Beverly Drive. We were informed that the armed individual was a known person who periodically worked at the residence. In addition to the armed individual in the house, two other people were inside the home: a resident and a second employee. While the individual with the gun remained on the first floor of the home, the other two persons took shelter in a room on the second floor. During our initial response to the house, we were alerted of two gunshots, sounds that originated from the first floor.

A perimeter was established around the home, and residents in the area were advised to shelter in place. University Park PD, SMU PD, and a regional Special Response Team was contacted for assistance. In addition to law enforcement, HPDPS Engine 331 and HPDPS Med 331 responded to the scene. The two individuals on the second floor were then directed by law enforcement to a roof access on the third floor, an area that allowed for evacuation by ground ladder if needed.

At 10:41 a.m., law enforcement personnel made entry into the home and discovered a deceased male on the first floor of the residence. It appears the death was secondary to a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The deceased individual was an employee and known person by the homeowners. At this time HPDPS is not releasing the name of the deceased male.

The two individuals that sheltered in place on the roof were not injured. During interview of witnesses, HPDPS detectives learned there was no argument, threat of violence, or acts of violence that occurred prior to the individual displaying the handgun.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Officer was contacted and responded to the scene to conduct their investigation.

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