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PRESS RELEASE

Fatal Incident in Berlin Township

On July 29, 2025, at approximately 1:12 PM, in Berlin Township, a police encounter occurred in the vicinity of the 100 block of Haddon Avenue resulting in one individual sustaining fatal injuries.

There were no Berlin Township Police Officers involved in the initial encounter but responded and secured the scene immediately. The response to the encounter was a multi police agency collaboration, which lasted for several hours.

As the safety and well-being of our community are our top priorities, please know there is no active or ongoing threat to the public.

The scene of the incident has been cleared by law enforcement and returned to normal roadway and pedestrian traffic.

This incident is being investigated by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, and I cannot comment on the facts or circumstances of that investigation. The Office of the Attorney General will provide updates on the status of their investigation at an appropriate time.

The Attorney General's Office of Public Integrity and Accountability ("OPIA") is investigating the circumstances of this death. A 2019 statute, N.J.S.A. 52:17B-107(a)(2), requires that the Attorney General's Office conduct all investigations when a person's death occurs during an encounter with a law enforcement officer acting in the officer's official capacity or while the decedent is in custody. The results of all such investigations must be presented to a grand jury to determine if the evidence supports the return of an indictment against the involved officer or officers. The purpose of this law is for the public to have confidence that the investigation is done fully, fairly, impartially, and independently of any potential bias.

Further information about how fatal police encounters are investigated in New Jersey under the Independent Prosecutor Directive can be found here: <https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/ag-Directive-2019-4.pdf>

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