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Update #3 - St. Petersburg Police Officer Involved in a Shooting Resulting in a Death

The name of the 53 year old woman is Pamela Dale Kirk, DOB: 04/01/60, 2630 13th Avenue North. She was pronounced dead at Bayfront Medical Center on Sunday April 28, 2013 at 9:22 p.m.

St. Petersburg Police Officer Christopher Dolch, 38, is the officer who fired his weapon at Pamela Kirk. He was hired as a St. Petersburg Police Cadet on 10/23/06 and became a sworn Police Officer on 12/18/06. He is a uniformed Field Training Patrol officer assigned to District III (the western part of the city). He is on paid administrative leave until the outcome of the investigations.

One correction from the press release last night:

Officer Christopher Dolch was the Field Training Officer. His Trainee Officer was Nicholas Cardinal. They were assigned to investigate the Check on Welfare call at 2630 13th Avenue North. Officer Matthew Enhoffer was the back-up officer on the call.

Initially, all three police officers went to the front door of the home together; then Officer Dolch went alone to the rear door of the home where the shooting took place.

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Here is some background information:

Our police records indicate that Pamela Kirk had been taken into custody under the Baker Act four times since 2010. The actual dates were July 16, 2010, February 1, 2011, February 3, 2011 and May 2, 2012.

On another occasion, February 1, 2011 at 12:21 p.m., Pamela Kirk’s daughter, Mikki Hartman from New York, called the St. Petersburg Police Department and asked officers to check on her mother as she was depressed over a recent relationship break-up. The officers went to Pamela’s home and found her calm and slightly intoxicated, but she was not taken into custody under the Baker Act at that time since she did not admit a desire to hurt herself or exhibit any behaviors that would justify taking her into custody under the Baker Act. Nonetheless, officers did take possession of three firearms from her home as “safe keeping” (Pamela Kirk later provided “special power of attorney” to one of her neighbors who reclaimed the three firearms on July 6, 2011).

Several hours later (February 1, 2011 at 6:54 p.m.) St. Petersburg Police Officers responded again to Pamela Kirk’s home
after receiving a call from a woman who was crying and then hung up the telephone. When the officers arrived at the home, Kirk declined to answer the door, but the officers heard her say, “where is my gun? I’m grabbing my gun.” A few moments later, Kirk opened the front door but would not show her hands in response to the officers’ verbal commands, and then she closed the door.

Officers heard Kirk crying inside of the house. They called her home phone and she came to the front door and threw her telephone outside, then closed the door again. A few moments later, she opened the front door again and stepped outside where she was taken into custody under the Baker Act after she made suicidal comments and said she no longer wanted to live.

The criminal and administrative investigations are still ongoing and we will not release any more details about the case until the conclusion of those investigations.

Information by Bill Proffitt on April 29, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.