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### **Command Review Board on Officer Involved Shooting**

A Command Review Board concluded on March 12, 2018, concerning the investigation of an officer-involved shooting that occurred on October 25th, 2017. The Board concluded the shooting was justified. The shooting was also previously reviewed by the Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney's Office and the officers involved were justified in their use of deadly force.

However, during the investigation, it came to light, that before the shooting, two officers did not follow proper procedures involving the Department's pursuit policy and deployment of stop sticks. Both officers will receive discipline and/or training for failure to follow set guidelines.

#### Summary:

On October 25th, 2017, 12:50 a.m., Officer Andre Sousa spotted a pick-up truck at 5th Avenue South and 34th Street South, matching the description of a vehicle that had been car-jacked on October 23. He followed the vehicle. Another officer, Officer Brock Jensen, deployed stop sticks on 34th Street South, near 15th Avenue. The pick-up's tire hit the stop sticks and began deflating. Then the pick-up truck turned into an alley near 2900 6th Avenue South. At that time, the driver, Timothy Earl Jackson exited the truck and fired a weapon at Officer Sousa, striking his marked patrol car. Officer Sousa returned fire. By that time, Officer Matthew Laliberte arrived as back-up, and also returned fire. Jackson died at the scene.