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Media Release

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Police Involved Shooting

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326 Scio Street

Just before 2:00pm today, during the course of a search warrant execution, a Rochester Police Officer was involved in a police involved shooting. There is very little that we can release at this time because we are still conducting an investigation. The individual that was shot sustained a gunshot wound to the upper extremity and was transported to Rochester General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. No other reported injuries. We will continue to update you on any new developments as we receive them.

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We are able to provide the following preliminary information regarding the incident that occurred today, February 3, 2016, at 326 Scio Street in the City of Rochester. We caution that this information is preliminary and subject to change as we continue our investigation.

The Rochester Police Department has been conducting an investigation into illegal drug sales occurring at 326 Scio Street in the City of Rochester. This investigation was commenced in response to numerous complaints from neighborhood residents and community groups about drug sales at this house, as well as violence in this neighborhood.

Earlier today just before 2:00pm, RPD executed a search warrant for drugs at 326 Scio Street in the downstairs apartment. As the search warrant team entered the location, an RPD Investigator was immediately confronted by a man holding a long metal object in a threatening manner. The Investigator discharged one round of buckshot from a department-issued shotgun at the man. The object was later found to be a metal mop handle.

The man fell to the floor and was taken into custody without further incident. He sustained a minor laceration to the tip of his left ring finger. He was treated at Rochester General Hospital, and released. The medical staff could not confirm whether the finger injury resulted from the discharge of the shotgun, or during his fall.

The man is currently in police custody and has been identified as Michael Coleman, 47 years of age, and a resident of the City of Rochester. During a subsequent search of the location pursuant to the search warrant, a quantity of crack cocaine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia was located. Mr. Coleman is being charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. The case is being turned over to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office for prosecution, and additional charges are possible.

The Rochester Police Investigator that fired the shot is John Fiorica. He has been with the Department for over 22 years. He will be placed on administrative duties pending the outcome of our internal investigation, which is standard protocol.

As with all discharges of firearms directed at any person in the line of duty, RPD will conduct thorough criminal investigation, in consultation with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. RPD is also conducting a detailed internal investigation of this incident to determine whether all RPD policies and procedures were complied with.

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