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### **Officer Involved Shooting Occurs in South Bismarck**

A 17-year-old male is dead this morning after an officer involved shooting took place in the Kirkwood Mall parking lot. Three Bismarck Police Officers were involved, and they were uninjured.

Around 12:15 am, officers responded to the area around 900 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St. regarding a report of gunfire in the area. Multiple calls were received regarding the gunfire, and officers were able to determine a shooting took place around Everspring Hotel. That shooting led police to investigate Nicholas Bruington, 17, of Bismarck for allegedly shooting at another juvenile. That juvenile is not believed to be injured.

Officers conducted a traffic stop around 1:50 am on a vehicle that Bruington was a passenger in, near Scheels in the Kirkwood Mall Parking lot. Bruington had a firearm and did not follow commands. He was shot at by three Bismarck Police Officers. After securing the scene, officers began life-saving measures until he was transported to a local hospital. Bruington was pronounced deceased after arriving there.

The investigation has been turned over to North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigations, which is protocol for Bismarck Police Department. All three officers have been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation by NDBCI.

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