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## Press Release

### DA's Office investigating fatal Police shooting in Braintree

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Prosecutors and Massachusetts State Police detectives from the Norfolk District Attorney's Office are investigating the lethal shooting of Robert L. Dussourd, 44, by Braintree police overnight.

The investigation is still in its early stages and very much ongoing. Evidence and information are still being collected and developed.

Preliminary information is that Braintree Police were called to an address on Liberty Street near the intersection of East Division Street at approximately 1:20 a.m. for a domestic disturbance. Officers were informed that a resident of that address, Dussourd, had displayed a knife before leaving the residence.

Officers deployed a K-9 and located the man secreted beneath a motor vehicle outside a residence on the corner of Liberty and East Division. Initial information, which is still subject to ongoing investigation, indicates that the man came out from under the vehicle brandishing a knife. The two Braintree officers on scene are said to have attempted to de-escalate the situation, deploying multiple revolutions of non-lethal measures, including shooting the suspect with a bean-bag gun. Preliminary information is that the subject continued to brandish the knife and was shot by police.

Officers are said to have immediately begun life-saving measures and Dussourd was transported to nearby South Shore Hospital but he did not survive his injuries.

"We are very early in the investigation. Braintree police are being very cooperative, the Crime Scene Services Section and Ballistics Section of the State Police are assisting in processing the scene. The Medical Examiner will be conducting an autopsy, possibly as early as today," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. Authorities delayed the release of his name for several hours to allow full family notification.

"While we are a long way from being done with this investigation, it is important in the case of a police shooting to provide information to the public, even if that information is preliminary in nature," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Every police shooting demands a full, deliberate and fair investigation and that is what we are doing here."