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Update: Suspected Attacker Identified in St. Charles Officer-Involved Shooting

CORRECTION *A previous version of this release misstated Daniel H. Escalera's age. He was 41, not 24. We apologize for this error.

St. Charles, Ill. - On Sunday, December 1, at approximately 8:45 a.m., St. Charles Police Officers were dispatched for a "check the welfare" call in the 900 block of North 5th Avenue. Witnesses reported that a shirtless male was holding a chainsaw and attempting to cut down a tree on the property of the River Glen of St. Charles, an assisted living center. Just before police arrival, witnesses advised the subject had gained entry to the lobby of the building and began confronting residents with the chainsaw. Arriving Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation; however, the suspect continued his attempts to use the chainsaw against residents of the building and the Officers. A taser was deployed on the suspect but his attack continued. An Officer was then forced to fire his service weapon, striking the suspect. First aid was immediately rendered; however, the suspect was later pronounced deceased at Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital. Residents of the assisted living facility and responding Officers were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The Illinois State Police are leading the investigation of the officer-involved shooting. According to Illinois law, the investigators in an officer-involved death, shall, in an expeditious manner, provide a complete report to the state's attorney's office where the death occurred. The Kane County State's Attorney will review the ISP report to determine if the use of force was justified.

The person who made unauthorized entry into the River Glen Senior Living Center wielding a chainsaw and who was subsequently shot by police has been identified as **Daniel H. Escalera (41 years old) of Stockwell, Indiana**. Escalera was pronounced deceased at Delnor Hospital on Sunday, December 1, and an autopsy by the Kane County Coroner's Office was scheduled for today.

Escalera has no known ties to the area or the senior living center. The St. Charles Police Department has no previous contacts with him and his reason for being in St. Charles or at this facility are unknown at this time.

In accordance with department policy, the officer involved in the shooting has been placed on paid administrative leave.

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