

Good afternoon, everyone, I'm Deputy Chief Timothy Cogle from the Auburn Police Department. Thank you all for joining us here today. Joining me is Colonel William Ross of the Maine State Police.

It's been an intense and tragic morning here in Auburn. Incidents like the one we have experienced today are most frightening for our community, especially in light of the events that took place this past October.

I'm proud of our team's response, and that of our firefighters, emergency dispatchers and public works department. I am also grateful to our neighboring public safety agencies who provided critical and timely mutual aid. The Lewiston Police Department, the Androscoggin Sheriff's Office and of course the Maine State Police. Thank you all.

I will be providing you with a detailed rundown of this incident. Please understand and respect that fact that although this incident is over, the investigation has just begun. Many questions will remain and in time those questions can and will be answered.

- On June 15, 2024, at 12:57 AM Auburn Communications Center received a 911 call from a female on Russell Ave. reporting her significant other was in a fight with a subject trying to break

into her residence with a gun. The male subject is not accounted for at this time.

- While on the phone with Auburn Communications shots can be heard.
- Auburn Police Department responded to the area.
- Auburn communications reported the female fled the residence when she heard the gun shots.
- At approximately 1:09 AM Auburn Police located the female hiding on Russell Ave. and observed a residence on fire on Russell Ave. and heard yelling coming from inside the residence.
- 1:10 AM The female identified the male subject breaking into the residence as 43-year-old Leein Hinkley. DOB (7/31/80)
- Smoke detectors can be heard going off in the residence at this time and fire can be seen from the window engulfing the building.
- 1:15 AM Auburn Officers report Leein Hinkley fired shots at them. Androscoggin Deputies were also on scene at this time.
- 1:23 Mr. Hinkley was heard yelling at the officers from inside the residence.

- At approximately 1:25 AM Auburn Police requested the Maine State Police Tactical Team to respond.
- 1:27 AM Auburn Police report that Mr. Hinkley is shooting at them again, and a second residence on Russell Avenue is now on fire.
- Mr. Hinkley fled the residence and briefly took shelter in a nearby garage on Russell Ave. The homeowner alerted law enforcement and Mr. Hinkley fled to another residence on Russell Ave. and started yelling and screaming from a rooftop with a firearm.

Colonel Ross speaks...

- At approximately 5:36 AM The Maine State Police Tactical Team members located Mr. Hinkley on the rooftop of 33 Russell Ave. with a firearm / handgun.
- Moments later he was shot and killed by Maine State Police Tactical Team members. Troopers Scott Duff and Trooper Patrick Hall were involved in the OIS.

- Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit will be investigating the underlying criminal conduct, and the Office of the Attorney General will be investigating the police involved shooting. Both Troopers are being placed on administrative leave as is standard practice in police involved shootings.
- From a historical perspective...
- Mr. Hinkley was released on bail on June 12th. He had been in custody on a Probation Violation, involving a 2011 conviction for crimes of domestic violence elevated aggravated assault as well as a recent arrest for a crime of domestic violence.
- Initially he was held without bail on the Probation Violation.

Over the objection of the District Attorney's Office.

- The court reduced his bail to \$1,500, concurrent, with conditions, including house arrest at a residence in Lewiston.
- Maine State Police would like to thank all of our public safety partners and commends them on their quick response to keep the public safe.