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MEDIA RELEASE

Suspect Killed, Firearm Recovered Following Police-Involved Shooting

A 35-year-old man was fatally wounded and a firearm has been recovered by officers, following a police-involved shooting in St. Joseph yesterday.

According to a police report, around 5:25 pm officers were proceeding in a northerly direction along a bushy track in an unfinished building located at Valsayn Trace, St. Joseph, when they observed a man walking toward them. The officers called out to him, shouting for him to stop. However, he started running in a westerly direction and into the unfinished building. They called out to him to stop once again and he turned in their direction and allegedly pointed a black object resembling a firearm.

The officers, believing their lives were in imminent danger and in keeping with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Use of Force policy, fired in the man's direction. They then allegedly observed the man lying on the ground with injuries with one Glock 19 nine-millimetre pistol fitted with an extended magazine containing five live rounds of ammunition next to him.

The officers rendered aid and he was conveyed to the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex where he received medical attention but was pronounced dead shortly after. He was later identified as Irfaan Abdul Haqq also known as "Jimpy" of Third Avenue, Barataria, and Farm Road, St. Joseph. Enquiries are ongoing.

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