

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



Elmwood Place Officer Involved Shooting

Elmwood Place, October 20, 2020 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Chief Eric Bartlett reports an Officer-involved shooting that occurred in the village of Elmwood Place. At 1:31 p.m., an Elmwood Place Officer made a traffic stop at Linden Street and Highland Avenue on a green Dodge pickup truck being driven by Rodney Arnez Barnes. After a brief encounter the Officer and Barnes exchanged gunfire with Barnes being struck. Mr. Barnes was transported to the University of Cincinnati Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The Elmwood Place Officer was not struck by gunfire. This investigation is being conducted by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section in conjunction with the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office.

Rodney Arnez Barnes is described as a black, male, 48 years of age and currently had no home address. Mr. Barnes was listed as a missing person after walking away from the University of Cincinnati Psychiatric Emergency Services. He also was wanted for Aggravated Robbery and Having Weapons while Under Disability out of Hamilton County.

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Anyone with information about this case should call Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040 or the Hamilton County Sheriff Criminal Investigative Section at (513) 851-6000.