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Press Release

POLICE OFFICER AND UNINVOLVED NEIGHBOR SHOT AND KILLED IN WEYMOUTH

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A Weymouth 20-year old is in custody and expected to be arraigned tomorrow (July 16, 2018) on two counts of murder for the shooting of an on-duty Weymouth Police officer and a member of the neighborhood he is accused of shooting while fleeing.

Emanuel "Manny" Lopes, 20, will either be arraigned at the Quincy District Court or at the South Shore Hospital if he is not medically available for transport to court. Details on that will be released when finalized.

Weymouth Police were responding to a report of a driver operating erratically when they came upon a BMW crashed in the vicinity of South Shore Hospital. The operator of that car had fled on foot. Weymouth officers, including Michael Chesna, a 6-year veteran of the force, responded to the area to locate that operator.

Officer Chesna came upon Lopes in the vicinity of Burton Terrace where it intersects with Torrey Road. Lopes was allegedly vandalizing a home at the time. Officer Chesna exited his vehicle, drew his service weapon and began issuing commands to Lopes.

Lopes is then alleged to have struck Officer Chesna in the head with a rock, causing the officer and his gun to fall to the ground. Lopes is then alleged to have taken the officer's weapon and discharged it repeatedly into his head and torso. He was later transported to nearby South Shore Hospital but did not survive.

Another officer arrived at the scene very close in time and was able to discharge his weapon, striking Lopes in the lower leg. Lopes then fled through adjacent yards and is further accused of discharging Officer Chesna's firearm into a nearby home, killing the occupant. The next of kin notification process for that person is not complete; identity information will be released at its conclusion.

"This is an awful day for Weymouth and for Massachusetts. Our hearts are very much with the surviving families of these victims," District Attorney Michael Morrissey said.

Pending charges represent accusations; all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt under the United States Constitution