



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Update to Fridley Shooting on Hwy 65**

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office is investigating the shooting that took place on Hwy 65 at Medtronic Parkway that occurred on 2-14-2018. The investigation is ongoing but we have the following update to share at this time. The male who was shot has subsequently died from his injuries. The decedent is identified as:

Simon Matthew Schiffler DOB: 01-22-1985  
Williston, North Dakota

There were multiple independent witness of the incident. Witnesses describe Schiffler as acting extremely erratically after the crash. Schiffler accosted multiple people at the scene by physically pinning one driver to a passerby's vehicle and groping and attempting to kiss a female involved in the crash. Schiffler then presented a large knife and attempted to assault another driver involved in the crash. That driver sought refuge inside his vehicle and Schiffler began stabbing at the windows of the vehicle in an attempt to break the glass.

At this point, an armed individual not involved in the crash stopped to intercede as Schiffler was stabbing at the other driver's window. Witnesses describe Schiffler turning his attention to that individual and aggressively and intentionally engaged the armed individual. That individual fired his weapon, striking Schiffler. Schiffler was taken to HCMC where he died from his injuries.

The armed individual will not be named at this point in the investigation. The armed individual stayed at the scene and has been identified. He has not been taken into custody.

Due to the amount of traffic volume at the time, we believe there may be additional witnesses who we have not spoken to. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Anoka County Sheriff's Office at (763) 427-1212. The incident remains an active investigation by the Fridley Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. Upon completion, the investigation will be referred to the Anoka County Attorney's Office for review of criminal charges.

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