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SLMPD Releases Gunshot Residue Lab Results From 10/8 Officer-Involved Shooting

St. Louis, Mo. - The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, has been notified of lab results from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) relative to the October 8, 2014 officer-involved shooting in the 4100 block of Shaw. In this incident, Vonderrit Myers was fatally wounded by a St. Louis Police Officer. The gunshot residue (GSR) test was sent to the MSHP as it is a test not routinely performed by the Metropolitan Police Department's Crime Laboratory.

The MSHP Crime Laboratory Division results stated the following:

- **Item 1.1 gunshot residue kit from Vonderrit Myers**

Analysis Result: Analysis of the hand collection stubs indicates the presence of gunshot residue.

- *The presence of gunshot residue on a person's hands could mean the individual discharged a firearm, was near a firearm when it was discharged, or touched an object with gunshot residue on it. Individuals shot at close range can have gunshot residue deposited onto their hands.*

- **Item 2.1 jeans with belt**

Analysis Result: The jeans were sampled using a carbon tape stub on the inner waistband area of the jeans. Analysis of the inner waistband collection stub indicates the presence of gunshot residue. The jeans were also sampled using carbon tape stubs on the inner entrances to the front and back pockets of the jeans. Analysis of the pocket collection stubs indicates the presence of gunshot residue.

- **Item 2.2 black tee shirt**

Analysis Result: The shirt was sampled using carbon tape stubs on the sleeve and upper chest area. Analysis of the collection stubs indicates the presence of gunshot residue.

- *The presence of gunshot residue on the jeans and shirt could be from being in the environment of a discharged weapon or coming in contact with an object with gunshot residue on it. Whereas gunshot residue is unlikely to persist on an active person's hands for more than eight hours, it is not known how long gunshot residue may persist on clothing. Therefore, gunshot residue may have been deposited on the jeans from a previous unrelated firearm discharge.*

Questions about GSR test results should be directed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP).

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