



Vallejo Police **Press Release**

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Officer Involved Shooting Investigation **VPD case # 18-1786** *****Update #3: Video Presentation*****

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Vallejo, CA - Today, the Vallejo Police Department is releasing videos and information, pursuant to Penal Code 832.7 concerning the officer involved shooting that occurred on February 13, 2018. The investigation into the incident has been completed and has been submitted to the Solano County District Attorney's Office for review pursuant to the Solano County Fatal Incident Protocol.

The material released today contains an informational video that includes the audio from the officer's radio traffic to the Dispatch Center and enhanced video from the officer's body worn camera depicting the shooting. We hope that the material released today provides the community enough information to understand how this incident unfolded.

We have also released the entire raw footage from the involved officer's body worn camera. The raw footage contains no redactions and is released in full.

Interested parties can access the video on the city of Vallejo's Police Department Facebook page, as well as on the Vallejo Police Department website dedicated to VPD critical incidents <http://bit.ly/criticalincident021318>

Update #2

Statement from Vallejo Police Chief, Andrew Bidou

"Any loss of life is a tragedy and my sincerest condolences go out to the Foster family for their loss.

The information provided by Mr. Burris today has the power to undermine the true relationship between the Vallejo community and police. Although the investigation into this incident is not complete, the evidence, including the officer body camera video, reveal a different story than what was relayed in Mr. Burris' press release. We will be working to meet with the Foster family so they can view the body camera footage of the incident.

Today, I have scheduled a meeting with representatives from the Vallejo Times Herald and leaders within the Vallejo African American community. I will personally discuss aspects of this investigation. My hope is that this local group will report the facts of this incident so our community will have the accurate and independent information they deserve."

Update #1

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The following is an update to the original press release disseminated on February 13th 2018.

Further investigation revealed that during the violent physical confrontation between the subject and the officer, the officer deployed his Taser on the subject but it was ineffective. The subject managed to forcibly take away a metal flashlight from the officer and armed himself with it, presenting it in a threatening manner. The officer, fearing imminent and serious physical harm, discharged his duty firearm, striking the subject.

The deceased subject has been identified as Ronnell Foster, a 33 year old Vallejo resident.

Original Press Release

Officer involved shooting investigation
Vallejo Police Case #18-1786

On February 13th 2018 at approximately 7:40 pm, a Vallejo patrol officer attempted to conduct an investigative stop of a subject in the area of Marin at Florida Street. The subject fled from the officer prompting a foot pursuit, followed by a violent physical struggle between the officer and the subject. During the altercation, the officer discharged his duty firearm in self-defense striking the subject.

Medical assistance was immediately summoned to the scene and the subject was pronounced deceased. The Solano County Fatal Incident Protocol was activated and the shooting is being investigated jointly by the Solano County District Attorney's Office and the Vallejo Police Department. As part of standard procedure, the involved officer has been placed on administrative leave pending further investigation.

This investigation is in its preliminary stages and no additional information is available at this time.

Media can contact the Vallejo PD at 707-651-7147.

Citizens can provide information to the Vallejo PD at 800-488-9383.

Citizens can also provide information anonymously to the Solano Crime Stoppers™ tip line 707-644-STOP. Solano Crime Stoppers™ offers cash rewards for phone tips that solve violent and/or serious crimes.

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