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Police Involved Shooting ***UPDATE*** Reference MA# 52-2018

The police involved shooting that occurred on August 23, 2018 at Bellows Avenue and South Yale Avenue, remains under investigation by the Critical Incident Response Team.

The officer involved is identified as:

Officer Andrew Mitchell #1212. Officer Mitchell is a 30-year veteran of the Columbus Division of Police and is currently assigned to the Vice Unit.

The suspect is identified as:

• **Donna G. Castleberry**, F/W/23 from Columbus, Ohio.

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Armed Suspect Killed after Stabbing Officer with Knife

Columbus Police are investigating a police involved shooting involving an armed female on the city's west-side.

On Wednesday, August 23, 2018 at 11:36 a.m. officers responded to the area of Bellows Avenue and South Yale Avenue on the report of an officer in trouble.

The Vice Unit officer, who was in the area working prostitution complaints, attempted to take the suspect into custody inside his unmarked vehicle when an altercation occurred. Upon arrival, officers found the injured officer who had been stabbed in the hand and a female suspect who had been shot. The officer fired his gun multiple times inside the vehicle.

His wound was so severe that another officer administered their tourniquet to stop the bleeding. The suspect was transported to Grant Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The officer, a 30-year-veteran of the Columbus Division of Police, was transported to Grant Hospital in stable condition. He underwent surgery and remains in stable condition.

A knife was recovered at the scene.

The identity of the suspect is being withheld until notification of next of kin.

Media personnel: The officer involved in this incident works a covert assignment. Please do not reveal his identity in any pictures or video you have of him.

The investigation is ongoing.