



AZLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Supplemental Press Release

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On Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 7:30 am, Azle Police Officers responded to the Victory Christian Center parking lot on Boyd Road to investigate a suspicious male armed with a knife who was making threats. Officers encountered the suspect and attempted to deescalate the situation. The armed suspect immediately advanced on the first responding officer. While backing away, the officer deployed his taser, which was ineffective at stopping the armed man's attack. A second officer deployed his less-lethal shotgun, striking the suspect. The first bean bag stopped the advance, but the suspect still refused to drop the knife. The suspect attempted to get back up and move toward the officers. A second less-lethal bean bag was deployed. The suspect then complied with the officers' commands and dropped his knife. Officers immediately summoned EMS and provided first aid until Azle Fire/EMS arrived. Azle EMS transported the suspect to the hospital, where he later died. Officers did not discharge their service weapons during the incident.

Azle Police Department has requested that the Texas Rangers investigate the incident. The incident occurred in Tarrant County.