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City of Hyattsville Police Department Reports Suspect Death

The suspect suffered a medical emergency after being detained

(Hyattsville, MD) – On Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 3:38 p.m., City of Hyattsville Police officers received a report of a bike theft in progress. The 64-year-old bike owner followed the suspect via car from the 4900 block of Rhode Island Avenue and called 911 to report his location. Officers located the suspect fleeing on the victim's bike in the 5900 block of Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park, MD. During the brief pursuit, the suspect jumped from the bike, ran from the initial responding officer, fell twice and continued to run before falling into a wooded area where HCPD officers took him into custody.

City of Hyattsville police officers placed the 29-year-old Mount Rainier man in handcuffs and requested an ambulance for suspected unknown drug intoxication. While waiting for an ambulance, officers closely monitored the suspect's condition. When he became unresponsive, officers immediately unhandcuffed him and began CPR. The City of Hyattsville police officers briefly revived the suspect and EMTs transported him to the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center where he was later pronounced deceased.

By request of HCPD, the Prince George's County Police Department is investigating this death. All questions should be directed to the PGPD Media Relations Division: 301-772-4710.

