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### **Police Officer Able To Disable Woman Pointing A Gun At Police With Single Shot**

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Whitemarsh Township Police Chief Michael Beaty announce a joint investigation into an individual pointing a gun at police and a single shot being fired by a police officer that disabled the person holding the weapon. The shot disabling the person holding the gun was fired inside the hallway of the Washington Tower Apartment complex, in the Fort Washington section of Whitemarsh Township.

On Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 6:18 AM, the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center "911" received a report that there was a suicidal woman armed with a gun inside an apartment at 491 S. Bethlehem Pike, Building #1. The caller also reported that there was also a baby inside the apartment with the woman.

Whitemarsh Township Police were dispatched to 491 S. Bethlehem Pike to check the welfare of the person reported to be suicidal at that location. Upon arrival uniformed officers approached the outside of the apartment. The woman came out of the apartment into the hallway. Officers saw her holding a black gun. The woman pointed the gun toward the Whitemarsh Police Officers on scene and disregarded verbal commands to drop the weapon. At that time a Whitemarsh Township Police Officer fired one shot striking the woman in the hand and she dropped the gun. She was transported to Temple University Hospital for treatment of the gunshot wound.

The Whitemarsh Township Police Department and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau are investigating this incident.

Approved for release:

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