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UPDATE

NCCPD Detectives Conducting Death Investigation in Saddlebrook Townhouses

The New Castle County Police have charged 33-year-old Brian Goodwin, of New Castle, for murder in the first degree in regards to the investigation into the death of 22-year-old Lauren Steed.

New Castle County Detectives worked through the night examining the crime scene and conducting interviews. The investigation revealed that Brian Goodwin and his female acquaintance (Steed) were alone in the residence on April 25 when Goodwin shot the victim. Brian did not call police until late yesterday afternoon when the standoff began. After the two hour standoff with police and negotiators, Brian came out unarmed and was taken into custody without incident.

Brian Goodwin has been charged with Murder in the First degree and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. He was arraigned via video by the Justice of the Peace Court 11 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution without bail.



Brian Goodwin

*****Original Release*****

April 26, 2016

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The New Castle County Police department is currently on scene and conducting a death investigation at a residence after an almost two hour standoff.

(New Castle, DE 19720) Today (04/26) at approximately 1:42 pm, New Castle County Police responded to the 100 block of Freedom Trail, in the community of Saddlebrook, in reference to a 911 caller advising that he had shot someone in the home. The 911 caller advised that they were still armed with the weapon. New Castle County Patrol units responded to the scene and set up a perimeter around the house. Once set up, officers attempted to get the male caller to exit the residence and surrender to police. The subject refused to surrender but still spoke to officers on the phone. With the assistance and negotiating of the New Castle County Crisis Negotiation Team, the male subject came out of the residence and surrendered to waiting SWAT team

operators at approximately 3:54 pm. The male subject was then transported to NCCPD HQ for questioning.

Officers searched the residence and located a deceased female inside with gunshot wound to the upper extremity. The scene was then secured and the New Castle County Criminal Investigation Unit responded in to begin its investigation.

This investigation is still in its early stages and more information will be released as it becomes available.

Anyone with information for this incident can call the New Castle County Police Department at (302) 573-2800 or can visit our website at www.nccpd.com. Tipsters may also call Delaware Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333 or visit us on Facebook at New Castle County Police Department. Citizens who currently have the smartphone application are encouraged to use the "submit tip" tab to submit tips. Select a topic by using the "drop down" and complete the tip by "clicking" submit. The New Castle County Police Smartphone Application is free to download and available for all iPhone and Android smartphones.

Tipsters who call Delaware Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a reward of up to \$10,000.00. Rewards are offered for crimes of violence such as these through Delaware Crime Stoppers and you can remain anonymous. (800) TIP-3333

