



Current as of: 8/14/2025

INFORMATION OF INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3

To be made available within 24 hours or as soon as practicable, of a request for information



To be completed if Subject has been arrested or killed

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SUBJECT DETAILS

Subject's Name: Deborah Terrell Age: 68

Subject's Residence: 90 Neilson Street, Apt 4C, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Subject's Occupation: unknown

Subject's Marital Status: unknown

Complaining Party Name: _____

***Release of the above information may be withheld if it is contrary to existing law or Court Rule. ***

AGENCIES INVOLVED

Initial Investigating Agency & Personnel: New Brunswick Police Department

Arresting Agency & Personnel: The identities of involved personnel have been withheld due to the existence of credible threats. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3(b); North Jersey Media Group v. Twp. of Lyndhurst, 229 N.J. 541, 556-57 (2017).

Independent Investigating Agency: OPIA Integrity Bureau

INITIAL INVESTIGATION DETAILS (re: events leading up to incident)

Length of Initial Investigation:

The New Brunswick Police Department (NBPD) were dispatched to an apartment building on Neilson Street in response to a complaint about a resident, later identified as Deborah Terrell, walking around with a knife in the hallway. Responding officers arrived at Terrell's apartment and verbally engaged with Terrell behind her closed apartment door. Subsequently, Terrell exited the apartment with a knife and officers encountered Terrell in the hallway. NBPD's utilized OC spray and a taser. One officer then deployed his service weapon, striking Terrell. First aid was provided and Terrell was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick where she was pronounced deceased.

Circumstances Immediately Surrounding Arrest/Incident:

Time & Place (date, time, location): Friday August 8, 2025 @ approximately 7:30am, 90 Nielson Street, New Brunswick, NJ

Resistance and/or Pursuit (if any): n/a

Nature of weapon and ammunition by Subject: Knife (recovered at scene)

Nature of weapon and ammunition by Police: (One) 40 Caliber handgun, One (1) Axon Model "7" Taser One (1) First Defense O.C. Canister

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Charges in Complaint, Accusation, and/or Indictment (unless sealed by court) and bail:

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NOTE: The above information is related to an investigation in progress. If release of such information may jeopardize said investigation or may be otherwise inappropriate to release, such information may be withheld pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3b.