

FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cumming, Georgia



WOUNDED DEPUTY IDENTIFIED

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Forsyth County Sheriff's Office

On July 16, 2017 at 3:08 p.m., a Forsyth County Sheriff's Deputy was wounded during the investigation of a domestic disturbance call. Deputies responded to a residence on Akins Way to a reported domestic dispute. Upon arrival, deputies attempted to get a make contact with a male subject when the deputies came under significant and sustained gunfire from within the residence. Deputies on the scene returned the gunfire in an attempt to stop the suspect. A Deputy Sheriff at the scene suffered two gunshot wounds to his lower leg from a high powered rifle. Fellow Deputies immediately placed a tourniquet on his leg and evacuated him to Northside Forsyth Hospital where he was treated and later released for non-life threatening injuries.

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. team was deployed along with the agency Crisis Negotiation Team. Assisting the Sheriff's Office was the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. team, members of the North Fulton Regional S.W.A.T. team, Georgia State Patrol officers and their Aviation Unit, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigations.

At approximately 7:40 p.m. after attempted negotiations and the introduction of tear gas into the home, a SWAT team robot was sent into the residence and could see a subject lying on a couch. The Forsyth County SWAT team then entered the residence at 6545 Akins Way. The SWAT team found that the suspect, Elias Quintero, was deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The suspect has been positively identified as, Elias Alexander Quintero, a 35 year-old male, 6545 Akins Way Cumming, Georgia.

The shooting investigation has been turned over to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The GBI has notified the suspect's immediate family. The two Deputies who returned the suspects initial gunfire have been placed on routine administrative leave with pay. This is standard policy for any officer involved shooting.

**The wounded officer is Deputy First Class Jon Beival, a 6-year veteran of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office who is assigned to our North Precinct, Uniform Patrol Division. He was released from Northside Forsyth Hospital on Sunday evening with his family by his side accompanied by Chief Deputy Sanford and Major Patton.

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