Civilian Review Board
Incident Review Report
Death In Custody (Suicide and Aggravated Assault LEO)

Case Information

Date of Case Review: August 13, 2026

Date of Report: September 16, 2026
Case Number: 20250820-0083
Date of Incident: August 20, 2025
Location of Initial Response: 4022 Midlothian Turnpike, Apartment 204, Richmond, VA 23224
Law Enforcement Agency: Richmond Police Department

Officers Involved:

- Officer 1
- Officer 2
- Officer 4
- Officer 5
- Officer 6

Nature of the Complaint / Review
This review was conducted by the Civilian Review Board Subcommittee following an incident that occurred at the Belt Atlantic Apartments, 4022 Midlothian Turnpike, Apartment 204, Richmond, VA 23224. This incident involved a Death in Custody investigation. The purpose of this review was to assess the actions of responding officers during an incident involving the execution of a search warrant. The Subcommittee reviewed all available reports and body-worn camera footage to evaluate compliance with department policy and professional standards.

Incident Overview
After reviewing the body camera footage, the confirmed key facts of the case:
The investigating officer, a member of the Richmond Focus Mission Team (FMT), obtained a search warrant from the Richmond Circuit Court for 4022 Midlothian Turnpike, Apartment 204, Sector 211 (Belt Atlantic Apartments). The warrant was based on an investigation into alleged violations of Virginia Code 18.2-290, relating to the use of a machine gun for an aggressive purpose, and Virginia Code 18.2-308.5:1, relating to the manufacture, importation, sale, possession, transfer, or transportation of an auto sear or trigger activator.

The investigating officer was able to link two juvenile suspects to the possession of auto sear devices. Based on information developed during the investigation, the Richmond Circuit Court authorized execution of the search warrant during nighttime hours. The operation was documented under Richmond Police Department Precinct Report #20250820-0081.

Execution of Search Warrant

August 20, 2025, 0500 hours: Third Precinct Focus Mission Team (FMT) officers and Richmond SWAT personnel attended a mission briefing at the Second Precinct before proceeding to the target location.

0545 hours: Officer 2 approached Apartment 204, knocked on the door, and announced, "Apartment 204, search warrant, Richmond Police. Come to the door." The knock-and-announce procedure was conducted three times. Person 1, a resident of Apartment 204, voluntarily exited the apartment and was moved by officers to a safe location.

Officer 1 maintained a position in front of the open apartment door while holding a ballistic shield. At approximately 0546:30 hours, a single gunshot was heard coming from inside the apartment. Officer 1 was struck in the groin/pelvic area and fell backward across the second-floor landing as the door to Apartment 204 closed.

A Richmond Police forensic investigator later recovered a bullet from Officer 1's ballistic pelvic guard. SWAT personnel maintained their positions on the landing while the apartment door remained closed.

At approximately 0546:45 hours, a single gunshot was captured on Officer 5's body-worn camera. Officer 5 was providing ground-level security and was moving toward a position of cover.

At approximately 0546:53 hours, Officer 4 deployed a Light Sound Diversionary Device (LSDD) at the ground near the south side of the 4022 building stairwell in an effort to create a diversion.

Communication With Suspects

At approximately 0552:24 hours, Richmond Communications received a 911 call from Suspect 1, who was inside the apartment. Suspect 1 reported that a person had been shot inside the location.

At approximately 0613:05 hours, Officer 4 established telephone contact with Suspect 1.

At approximately 0614:42 hours, Officer 4 was able to have Suspect 1 and Suspect 2 exit the apartment without further incident.

Suspect 1 subsequently told officers that he believed Suspect 3 had shot himself. According to Suspect 1, after the initial shot was fired, Suspect 3 entered the last room of the apartment and reportedly stated, "I love you." Suspect 1 and Suspect 2 then heard another gunshot.

Entry Into Apartment and Medical Aid

SWAT deployed an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) into the apartment and observed blood pooling beneath a closed door towards the rear of the apartment.

SWAT subsequently opened the door. Officer 6 observed Suspect 3 behind the door, unresponsive. Officer 6 handcuffed Suspect 3 as he observed a handgun near Suspect 3's hand. The handgun was moved, and Officer 6 immediately began providing life-saving measures.

A single Winchester 9mm cartridge was recovered from the scene near Suspect 3.

Evidence Reviewed

The Civilian Review Board Subcommittee reviewed the following materials as part of this investigation:

- Richmond Police Department Internal Affairs Division investigative summary report
- Body-worn camera footage from Officers 1,2,4,5, and 6

Administrative:

Richmond Police Department Internal Affairs did not substantiate any allegations of officer misconduct.

Civilian Review Board Analysis:

Based on its review of the evidence and the findings outlined above, the Civilian Review Board Subcommittee concurs with the Richmond Police Department Internal Affairs determination that there was no evidence of officer misconduct.

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