



# *Bexar County Sheriff's Office*

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SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting, 1 dead

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The Sheriffs Office is investigating an officer involved shooting that took place overnight at approximately 2:45AM on the city's Northside near Henderson Pass. San Antonio Police first responded to the 911 call for an officer in trouble with shots fired in the 2000 block of Cedar Ridge. The first responding officer arrived to find the one man had been shot dead by the off-duty Deputy.

Deputy Wendall Morris, a four year veteran with the Sheriffs Office had returned home from work around midnight to join his family and friends who were having a bar-b-que for his brother-in-law who was being deployed to Iraq.

Shortly before the shooting, the suspect (Adrian Barnes) had walked into the house unannounced looking for his ex-girlfriend. His ex-girlfriend is a close friend of the Morris family. Barnes was confronted by the deputy's wife who was trying to help him. The suspect was described by Morris and the witnesses as being aggressive and agitated. Barnes was told she had left the party and didn't know where she had gone or when she would be back. Barnes accused the Morris's of hiding her from him and made several threats towards the Morris family. At this point Barnes left the house and drove away.

A few minutes after Barnes left the house, Deputy Morris and his wife were walking a guest from the house to her vehicle to say goodbye and to make sure nothing happened to any of the guests as Deputy Morris was still concerned about the behavior of Barnes. It was at this point when Barnes was seen driving at a high rate of speed back towards the Morris

residence. The vehicle was recognized as the same vehicle Barnes departed in earlier.

The vehicle stopped in front of the Morris house and Barnes got out of his vehicle. Barnes made several threats to Morris as Morris tried to calm him down and to let Barnes know that everything was okay. Barnes made a phone call allegedly to other friends of Barnes and Barnes said when he returns, it wouldn't be nice. Morris continued to talk to Barnes as he got back in his vehicle trying to assure Barnes that everything was okay.

Barnes started to drive away very slowly and at the same time was reaching into his glove compartment and pulled out what Morris described as a dark bulky object. Morris then heard a snap and saw Barnes un-holster a handgun and then observed Barnes take both hands from the steering wheel and chamber a round into the weapon. At this point Morris realized from what he just observed and the sound of the sliding semi-automatic loading a round into the chamber that Barnes was about to shoot him. Morris then reached to his side and retrieved his duty weapon and as Barnes started pointing the weapon at Morris, Morris shot Barnes. The vehicle slowly rolled a few yards where it stopped after hitting a parked truck.

Morris immediately yelled to his wife to call 911. The San Antonio Police arrived first on the scene, subsequently turning the scene over to the Sheriff's office.

Barnes was pronounced dead at the scene by San Antonio EMS. Detectives have notified the next of kin. It was determined the Morris had hit Barnes 5 times.

BARNES, Adrian Dewayne      BM DOB: 9-6-1980 (28YOA)  
6818 Cerro Bajo SAT. No criminal history convictions.



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