

Fatal Shooting in West Bay 28 January; One Man Dead

Shortly before 3PM the 9-1-1 Communications Centre received a report of a shooting at the Super C's Restaurant on Watercourse Road in West Bay; officers were dispatched to the scene. One man had been shot and a tactical medical officer, supported by armed officers, provided primary medical care to the victim; he was transported to hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The suspect, a male, had fled to a nearby home and from that location shot at officers who were assisting the victim; officers did not return fire.

The suspect then barricaded himself in the home with four other persons, two women and two children, who are believed to be relatives of the suspect. They were held against their will.

Negotiations ensued via phone with an RCIPS officer whom the suspect requested to speak with after 9-1-1 had initiated phone contact with the suspect; the 9-1-1 operator then maintained contact with others in the household throughout the ordeal. Shortly before 6pm the suspect surrendered to police. The four other people in the home were not harmed.

The suspect was arrested and is now in custody at the police detention centre at Fairbanks.

A gun was recovered at the scene. The incident is not believed to be gang-related. Both the victim and the suspect are from West Bay.

That evening at 7:30PM the Commissioner of Police briefed the media on the incident from the West Bay Police Station. The entire incident is under police investigation and a major incident room has been established. Super C's restaurant and the nearby home were cordoned off and are examined. Watercourse Road near the intersections of Boatswain Road and Duxies Lane were closed.

The two women and two children who had been in the home with the suspect have been rendered assistance by officers from the Family Support Unit as well as the Needs Assessment Unit.

Police will have an increased presence in the area and will be engaging with residents to reassure the community in the wake of this tragic incident.

Given the sensitive atmosphere, police are appealing to the media and members of the public not to distribute images of the victim taken at the scene, some of which have been seen on social media.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact police at George Town Police Station at 949-4222, the RCIPS Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or Crime Stoppers at 800-8477 (TIPS) or online at the

link:<https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=681>.

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