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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Identify Man Who Assaulted Woman, Resisted Arrest**

Howard County Police are identifying an Anne Arundel County man today who died after he severely assaulted a woman last night and resisted being arrested during the assault. Police were called to a residence in Scaggsville and found Richard Alan Lofgren, 34 (DOB: 4/25/69), of the 3000 block of Riva Rd. in Riva, Md., brutally beating his girlfriend, Amilia Rich, 34.

Upon arriving at the residence in the 8500 block of Murphy Rd. in Scaggsville, police learned from a resident of the house that Lofgren was high on drugs, likely PCP, and was “acting crazy.” The resident indicated to the officers that Lofgren “was killing” Rich, who was renting a room in the house. Police entered one of the rooms and found Lofgren beating and choking Rich; both were covered in blood.

Lofgren ignored verbal commands from the officers to stop the assault. The officers then tried to pull Lofgren from Rich, but Lofgren refused and continued to assault and choke the woman. The officers struck Lofgren on the arms in an attempt to end the assault, but Lofgren continued to beat the victim.

Police then utilized a pepper ball weapon, a less-than-lethal weapon that fires small pellets filled with pepper spray, in an attempt to end the attack. Lofgren was unfazed by the pepper ball and continued to assault the woman. Officers continued to struggle with Lofgren and were able to place him in custody.

A short time after Lofgren was in custody, he stopped breathing. Police immediately began CPR until Lofgren was transported to Howard County General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Rich also was transported to Howard County General Hospital with significant injuries. During the assault, Lofgren bit off part of her finger and part of her ear. Rich also sustained severe facial injuries and had bite marks on her neck and chest. She reported to officers that Lofgren was high on drugs at the time of the assault, likely PCP.

While detectives are awaiting final toxicology results for Lofgren, a preliminary screen at the hospital showed positive results for several drugs.

Through a preliminary investigation, Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay believes that officers acted appropriately throughout the incident and likely saved the victim’s life.

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