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Police identify man who died today after confronting police with a knife

A man who confronted police with a knife today and was shot and killed by an officer has been identified as Gary Carmona Boitano, 19, of Hyattsville. Investigators have learned that Boitano was temporarily staying at the residence on Cardinal Lane in Columbia where the incident occurred.

Police received a 911 call around 10:40 a.m. from the home in the 6400 block of Cardinal Lane. The caller reported that a man with a knife was inside the house and threatening to kill him. Officers arrived and were confronted by a man with a knife in the driveway. An officer repeatedly directed the man to drop the knife, but he refused. The officer was forced to fire at the man, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officers entered the residence and found no one inside. At this stage of the investigation, there is no indication that anyone other than Boitano was present at the residence at the time of the shooting.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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