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Shooting Incident at the Federal Detention Center in Tallahassee, Florida

Early this morning a shooting occurred at the Federal Detention Center in Tallahassee, Florida. The shooting took place outside the secure confines of the institution. No inmates and no civilians were involved. The institution is secure.

The gun fire this morning was exchanged between federal law enforcement officers. Federal agents had come to the institution to arrest six Bureau of Prisons (BOP) staff who were indicted by a federal grand jury on Tuesday. Five BOP staff were arrested and taken into custody. The sixth staff member retrieved a personally owned weapon and shot at federal officers who were participating in the arrest; additional gun fire ensued. Two federal law enforcement officers have died and a third was injured and transported to a local hospital. One of those killed was correctional officer Ralph Hill, who was named in the indictment. The injured officer is a lieutenant for the BOP and he remains hospitalized but is in stable condition.

The BOP does not permit staff to bring personal weapons on institution grounds.

Additional details will be provided later as information becomes available.