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Prince George's County, Maryland...The Prince George's County Police Department's Homicide Unit is investigating a shooting involving a federal police officer that occurred in Clinton, Maryland.

On August 12, 2011, at approximately 1:27 p.m., patrol officers responded to the 9800 block of Piscataway Road for a shooting. Investigation revealed that Officer Alex Thomas, of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency / Pentagon Police Department, pulled into the Mobile Market Place where he observed a fight in progress. The suspect, who was later identified as Ronald Delonte Royal, 20, of the 15200 block of Derby Shire Way in Accokeek, pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the victim. Thomas intervened by identifying himself as a police officer and gave commands to the suspect to drop his weapon. The armed suspect ignored the commands and turned toward the officer. The officer then fired his weapon striking the suspect in the upper body. The suspect was transported to an area hospital where he was later pronounced dead. The 57 year old victim, of the 10800 block of Tippet Road in Clinton, was also transported to a local hospital for treatment. This investigation is ongoing.

For more information contact the Press Information Office at (301) 772-4710. This investigation is ongoing.

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