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NEWS RELEASE

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The North Richland Hills Police Department is currently investigating a shooting in the 7500 block of NE Loop 820. The incident occurred after Haltom City police observed a silver Lincoln Town Car that was reported to have been connected to a serious offense in Fort Worth. Haltom City police attempted to conduct a traffic stop, at which time the vehicle fled along Highway 121 until ultimately reaching the 7500 Block of NE Loop 820 in North Richland Hills. After the vehicle was rendered inoperable as a result of a traffic crash, the driver was reported to have exited the vehicle and threatened officers with a semi-automatic handgun. Haltom City officers fired upon the driver who was struck multiple times. The driver was transported by helicopter to John Peter Smith Hospital where he was later pronounced dead as a result of his injuries sustained in the shooting. Officers additionally discovered a female inside the vehicle who was believed to be a victim of the earlier offense reported in Fort Worth. The female was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency personnel. It is believed that the female suffered the fatal injuries prior to the vehicle being stopped by police. The names of the decedents are being withheld pending the necessary family notifications. Pursuant to the shooting investigation, the names of the officers involved are currently being withheld until the information can be made available for release.

North Richland Hills, Haltom City, and Fort Worth Police are working jointly to thoroughly investigate this incident. North Richland Hills is specifically investigating the officer involved shooting. At the conclusion of this investigation, North Richland Hills police will make a determination, based upon the evidence, as to whether to present the incident to the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office for further review.

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