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Update on Investigation into Shooting Death of Jersey City Police Officer Melvin Santiago

While the incident still remains under active investigation, Mayor Steven M. Fulop released the following information:

- At 0409 hours, Jersey City Police responded to the Walgreens at the corner of Communipaw Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard on a call of an armed robbery.
- The actor has been identified as Lawrence Campbell, 27, of Grant Avenue.
- Lawrence Campbell entered the Walgreens asked the security officer directions to purchase a greeting card. Campbell proceeded in that direction, left the store and circled back.
- Campbell, who had a knife, then assaulted the security officer, taking his weapon.
- Campbell did not rob or attempt to rob the Walgreens, but proceeded to wait for the Police Department to arrive – approximately four minutes.
- Surveillance cameras show Campbell walking outside and speaking to a witness, at which time he apologized for his conduct in Walgreens and told the witness to watch the news he is going to be famous.
- The first marked vehicle arrived at the scene with Officers Santiago and Martinez. Campbell approached the police vehicle at close range and fired into the vehicle with the door open striking Officer Melvin Santiago in the head. He then fired three more times at a second marked police car striking the windshield, in attempt to kill two more officers.
- Officers in the subsequent car and first car returned fire, striking Campbell and killing him.
- During the course of the investigation, police identified Lawrence Campbell as one of three suspects wanted in connection with a prior homicide in Jersey City.

- The additional information was consistent with Police Department information received over the last week, and police also identified Daniel Wilson as another person of interest in the prior homicide. The JCPD have been applying high pressure and aggressively searching for Daniel Wilson for past three days. We are still searching for Daniel Wilson and JCPD will provide a photo.

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