

# MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Subject: MIAMI POLICE OFFICER DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

On September 17, 2020, Officer Aubrey T. Johnson, Jr. (28 years-old) was assisting members of the Model City Problem Solving Team (PST) effect the arrest of a narcotics offender. The offender was briefly detained when he ultimately decided to run away from the officers. Officer Johnson pursued the suspect on foot; however, in the course of the foot pursuit, Officer Johnson tore his right Achilles' tendon. He was treated at Jackson Memorial Hospital, was prescribed pain medication, and was discharged. Officer Johnson was placed on temporary disability leave so that he could convalesce at home prior to being able to return to light duty and, eventually, full duty. On October 1, 2020 at approximately 6pm, Officer Johnson was found unresponsive at his home. Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue transported Officer Johnson from his home to Jackson North Medical Center, where efforts to resuscitate him where unsuccessful. He was pronounced deceased at 7:03pm. On October 2, 2020, an autopsy was performed on Ofc. Johnson at the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner (MDME) Department. On October 5, 2020, the MDME provided the findings of the autopsy to the Miami Police Department. According to the MDME findings, Officer Johnson expired as a result of pulmonary thromboembolism, due to deep vein thrombosis, due to decreased mobility, due to right leg injury.

Because Officer Johnson's on-duty injury was the proximate cause of his death, Officer Johnson is deemed to have died in the line of duty and will be granted full police honors at his funeral and burial. Officer Johnson is the 40<sup>th</sup> Miami Police Officer to die in the line of duty since our first recorded line-of-duty death in 1915.

Officer Johnson was a second-generation Miami Police Officer. His father Aubrey, Sr., is a retired Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, and his mother, Delores, is a retired Emergency Dispatcher. Officer Johnson followed in his parents' footsteps by becoming a Miami Police Athletic League (PAL) youth counselor and football coach and a Public Service Aide. In 2016, Officer Johnson became a sworn Miami Police Officer. After becoming a police officer, he continued to volunteer his time with PAL as a youth football coach. In 2018, Officer Johnson was among a group of Miami Police Officers deployed to Panama City, FL to assist with recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

Officer Johnson's viewing will take place on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and his funeral service and burial will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Please see attachment for more information. Officer Johnson is survived by his parents and siblings.

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**Case:** N/A

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**Jorge R. Colina, Chief of Police**

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