



Covington Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

On October 21, 2009, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Georgia State Patrol initiated a chase of a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in Newton County on Interstate 20 eastbound. The vehicle refused to stop. At approximately exit number 92 in the city of Covington, Georgia State Patrol successfully stopped the vehicle using the pit maneuver.

Upon stopping the vehicle, officers from the Covington Police Department responded to the scene. Suspect immediately opened gunfire upon the officers while sitting still in vehicle. Georgia State Patrol and Covington Police returned fire fatally shooting the suspect.

The suspect name is Marvin Mercier 1417 Oak Knowles Drive Conyers, GA 30012. He was 25 yrs old.

A passenger was also in the vehicle and was uninjured. The passenger was questioned and released.

Chief Stacey Cotton requested the assistance of Georgia Bureau of Investigation to investigate the officer related shooting as in accordance with standard operating procedure.