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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Commerce PD assists Fort Worth Police with unsolved Homicide**

When officers with the Commerce Police Department responded to a domestic violence call, they didn't know they would be helping Fort Worth Police with an unsolved murder.

Officers Glen McCull, Marcus Cantera, Nacona Ford and James Hildebrand responded to a disturbance at Churchhill Apartments. The victim had been assaulted by a white male identified as Shane Morris, 27 YOA. Morris allegedly began assaulting the victim around midnight on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Morris kicked the victim in the face and choked her. During the assault, Morris kept a firearm tucked inside his pants. Morris would not allow the victim to call police for help, and kept her in the apartment against her will. Sometime during the night, the victim was able to gain possession of the firearm and hide it from the suspect. Around 10:00am on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 hours after the assault began, the victim was able to leave the apartment and call for help. Once the victim left the apartment, Morris fled. He returned a short time later and was detained by Commerce officers. At first Morris gave a false name and birthdate, but was later arrested after officers found out his real identity. It was also found that Morris had an outstanding Parole Warrant. Morris was charged with Aggravated Assault Family Violence by use of a Deadly Weapon; Interference with a 9-1-1 Emergency Call; Unlawful Restraint; and Failure to Identify-Fugitive from Justice.

Officers searched the victim's apartment and located the weapon Morris possessed. It was determined to be a replica of a Mac-10 automatic rifle. It has the orange safety tip covered with black tape to be deceptive.

During transport to Hunt County Criminal Justice Center, the suspect made a statement to police that they needed to call Fort Worth PD regarding a homicide that he may be involved with.

Contact was made with Fort Worth PD Homicide Detectives about the information CPD officers received. FWPD decided to send detectives to Commerce for further investigation. Det Cpl Steve Scott assisted FWPD in recovery of physical and forensic evidence. An arrest in the homicide has not been made, but FWPD is actively investigating Morris for this offense.