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ATLANTA (CBS46) -

A man is dead after he was shot by a DeKalb County police officer Monday afternoon.

DeKalb County Police Chief Cedric Alexander said at a news briefing that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is taking over after it appeared the man, identified as Anthony Hill, 27, was unarmed.

Officers said it started shortly after 1 p.m. when Officer Robert Olsen responded to a suspicious person call at The Heights at Chamblee apartments at 3028 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.

"The caller reported a male acting deranged, knocking on doors, crawling around on the ground naked," Alexander said. "The caller reported the man had taken off all his clothes and was just running around throughout the entire complex."

Investigators said when the officer encountered Hill, things turned violent.

"When the male saw the officer he charged, running at the officer," the police chief said. "The officer told him to stop while stepping back at which point he drew his weapon and fired two shots."

But other witnesses said Hill was unarmed and did not charge Olsen. Investigators said no weapon was found at the scene.

"At this point, this case has been turned over to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for an independent outside investigation," Alexander emphasized.

Olsen tried unsuccessfully to administer aid, the police chief added.

Regardless of what that investigation uncovers, it appears police have some fence mending to do at the scene.

"Now you are scared to call police if you see anything because you don't know what police are going to do. They have [a] license to kill people for no reason and that is scary," said Henry Raco.

Some neighbors question police judgment.

“Maybe the police felt overpowered by him, but if that's the case they should get better policemen that don't feel overpowered by someone that doesn't have a gun,” said another neighbor.

Olsen, who is a seven-year veteran of the force, was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

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