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Press Release

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Officer Involved TASER Incident

On March 22nd, at approximately 3:40 a.m., Bay City Police Department officers, were dispatched to the 200 Block of South Catherine Street regarding a call of a fight. When officers arrived on scene they were directed to an apartment where two male subjects were arguing one of the subjects was Brett Elder. Officers attempted to verbally diffuse the argument until Brett Elder attempted to go after the person he was arguing with. Officers intervened and Brett Elder became unruly and took a fighting stance against the officers. A TASER electronic control device was deployed for one five second cycle to subdue Brett. He was subsequently handcuffed without incident. Upon taking Brett into custody, officers recognized the signs of a possible medical problem and immediately rendered aid and summoned medical personnel to the scene. Brett was transported to Bay Regional Medical Center by ambulance where he was later pronounced dead.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing and is being conducted by the Michigan State Police. The Bay City Police Department is cooperating fully with investigators from the Michigan State Police.

The Bay City Police Department currently deploys nine TASER X-26 electronic control devices or (ECD's). They have been in use with the Bay City Police Department since February of 2008.

More information regarding the TASER ECD can be found at www.TASER.com. You can also contact Steve Tuttle TASER Internationals VP of Communication at 1-800-978-2737 ext. 2006.