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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Shooting Homicide – Market Place Shopping Center 2000 N. Neil**

CHAMPAIGN - Champaign Police responded to a fight in the parking lot at the Market Place Shopping Center near the Dick's House of Sport Store at approximately 6:14 p.m. During the fight at least one individual discharged a firearm, striking a 16-year-old victim. Responding officers immediately administered medical assistance with help from the Champaign Fire Department until the victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. Despite life-saving efforts, the victim succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased at 11:44 p.m.

No arrests have been made at this time and the investigation is ongoing. Future updates may be provided as they become available.

The Champaign Police Department is pursuing every lead and seeking assistance from the community for any information or video footage regarding the incident. Champaign Police ask that anyone who has information or video to please call 217-351-4545. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at [373tips.com](http://373tips.com); or the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

Residents are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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