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Governor Applauds Law Enforcement Community's Courageous Efforts in Apprehending Long Branch Gunman

Visits family of slain Long Branch Detective and visits injured Port Authority Officer

Gov. Christie Whitman this afternoon was in Oceanport to visit the family of Detective Patrick King, the Long Branch police detective who was tragically slain in the line of duty last night in Long Branch.

Later in the afternoon, the Governor traveled to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City to visit with Port Authority Police Officer Corvet Curley, who was shot and injured in the line of duty last night at the George Washington Bridge toll plaza.

The Governor made the following statement in response to last night's violence:

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Detective Patrick King. I offer heartfelt condolences to the members of Detective King's family and to the law enforcement community who lost one of their own last night. Members of the law enforcement community like Detective King put their lives on the line every day to protect our neighborhoods and our loved ones, and for that we are all very grateful."

"I'd like to express my personal appreciation to Port Authority Police Officer Corvet Curley for his acts of courage and bravery last night in helping to apprehend the gunman. I thank him on behalf of the people of New Jersey for his efforts to preserve the safety of our citizens and our neighborhoods. And I wish Officer Curley a quick and full recovery from the injuries he sustained last night in the line of duty."

"I would like to express my gratitude to New Jersey state and local law enforcement, Port Authority law enforcement and New York law enforcement for their courageous efforts last evening in pursuing and apprehending the gunman responsible for last night's violence."

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