

Maryland man dies after stun gun shock

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FREDERICK, Md. -- Authorities in Frederick, Md., Monday investigated the death of a 20-year-old man who was shocked by a police stun gun. Cpl. Jennifer Bailey of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office said the man was one of four people fighting when deputies arrived at a call around 5 a.m. Sunday. During a scuffle with deputies, the man was zapped and became unconscious, Bailey said. He was later declared dead at Frederick Memorial Hospital, CNN reported. The victim was identified as Jarrel Gray, WTOP Radio in Washington reported. The deputy was not identified, and was placed on administrative leave with pay as the situation is reviewed, Bailey said. The human rights group Amnesty International has repeatedly called for a moratorium on the guns' use by some 7,000 U.S. police forces until possible risks are further explored. It says more than 150 people have died in the United States after being shocked with the guns since June 2001. The devices use compressed nitrogen to shoot two electrical probes up to 35 feet away at more than 100 mph, one manufacturer's Web site said.

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