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CAPT Robert Clark, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk, provided the following statement during a press conference at 1 p.m. today.

“First of all, our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the Sailor killed last night. This is a very difficult and sad time for our Navy family.

At this moment, we are in the process of notifying the Sailor’s next of kin and I would ask that you please respect their privacy at this very difficult time. Information about our Sailor will come at the appropriate time and today is not the day.

I can tell you . . . at approximately 11:20 p.m. last night there was a shooting on board USS MAHAN at Pier 1. The suspect approached the Mahan’s Quarterdeck and was confronted by ship security personnel. A struggle ensued and the suspect was able to disarm the Petty Officer of the Watch. The suspect then used the weapon to fatally shoot our Sailor responding to render assistance. Naval security forces then killed the suspect. The suspect did not have his own weapon.

Counselors from Navy Fleet and Family Service Center and Navy chaplains are on hand to assist personnel who witnessed the shooting.”

“Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating.

I have limited information I can share, but I’ll try to answer just a few questions.”

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