Overdose deaths continue sharp increase in Maryland

Tawson Boyd's attorneys ask why soldiers were sent to deal with a 'medical crisis'

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The attorneys for a Baltimore County man killed in a confrontation with police have questioned why soldiers were sent to deal with a 'medical crisis,' saying it was a call to the police that any reasonable person would have assessed as a non-emergency.

Tawson Boyd, 21, called 911 on Sunday morning reporting a domestic disturbance at his home in Crownsville, in Anne Arundel County, with a violent confrontation with police officers.

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Attorney A. Dwight Pettit said Tawon Boyd, 21, was injured and taken to Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, where he was pronounced dead.

Boyd's family has been seeking answers about what led to his death.

The 911 call on Sunday morning was made by Boyd's girlfriend, who reported a domestic disturbance at Boyd's home.

She reported that Boyd had been drinking and smoking marijuana, the report said.

When an officer tried to speak to Boyd, he answered 'I'm just drinking beer,' according to the report.

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