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Case No. 22-25183

On August 30, 2022, at approximately 9:20 pm., Portage Public Safety Fire and Police Divisions responded to a report of a shooting and a barricaded man with a gun in an upstairs apartment in the 4600 block of E. Milham.

Upon arrival, officers cordoned off the area and notified Kalamazoo Metro SWAT who responded to the scene. Negotiators attempted contact with the occupants for a period of approximately two hours with no response.

Entry was made where all three people in the apartment were found deceased with gun shot wounds. The deceased are identified as Henry Bates, age 39 of Portage, his wife Brianna Bates, age 31, and their 6-year-old daughter Zenzia Bates. Their three other children, ages 13, 11 and 3, fled the apartment as the shooting started and were not injured.

All victims were taken to the Kalamazoo County Medical Examiner's Office for examination.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.