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NAVAL STATION NEWPORT SECURED FOLLOWING SECURITY INCIDENT

The security incident at the Naval Health Clinic New England – Newport compound onboard Naval Station Newport remains under investigation. The lone shooter has been identified as a black female who was brandishing a pistol, entered a building on board the clinic compound at approximately 8:45 a.m. The gunman shot 16 staff and patients, killing three. The gunman was killed by Navy Security personnel. Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) has assumed control of the crime scene. Subsequent to the shooting incident, a explosive device was discovered within the clinic grounds. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel are on the scene. The name(s) of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The injured personnel are being treated and transport to Newport County Hospital at this time. All individuals are being advised to remain away from the installation. Assistance was provided through mutual aid agreement from the Town of Portsmouth, Town of Middletown and City of Newport. As soon as more information becomes clear, additional media advisories will be sent out. Media will not be allowed on-base at this time until the clinic compound is secure and all affected individuals have been treated or transported.

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