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# Preliminary Status Report Regarding the Use of Deadly Force by the Hartford Police Department on October 16, 2023 Resulting in the Death of Jamie Grant

In accordance with General Statutes §51-277a(a)(5), Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr., submits this preliminary status report regarding the use of deadly force by the Hartford Police Department on October 16, 2023. The Office of Inspector General is investigating an officer-involved shooting that resulted in the death of Jamie Grant, an African-American male, age 44.

On October 16, 2023 at approximately 1:54 p.m., Hartford Police Officer Brian Sulliman, who was on routine patrol operating a marked Hartford Police cruiser, attempted to stop a motor vehicle on Westland Street. The vehicle, a grey-colored four-door Honda Accord bearing Florida registration 49DJXP, stopped on Westland Street near the intersection with Barbour Street. As soon as the vehicle came to a stop, a person, later identified as Jamie Grant, exited the front passenger door and walked to the rear of the vehicle. Officer Sulliman exited his police vehicle and approached the Honda. The Honda Accord then drove from the scene.

Grant was holding what appeared to be a firearm in his left hand. He raised his arm in the direction of Officer Sulliman. In response, Officer Sulliman then discharged his firearm multiple times striking Grant. Grant fell in the middle of the intersection of Westland Street and Barbour Street. Hartford Police Department personnel began life saving measures on Grant until the arrival of Emergency Medical Services. EMS transported Grant to Saint Francis Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 2:26 p.m. A handgun was recovered near the spot where Grant fell.

To view a traffic camera recording of the incident, click here. To view the relevant portion of Officer Sulliman's body-worn camera, click here.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of Jamie Grant's death to be: "Gunshot wounds of the torso and right upper extremity." A copy of the Medical Examiner's Notification to Police is attached. As of the date of this report, neither the death certificate nor the toxicological report is available. October 18, 2023

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The Office of Inspector General, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad, the Hartford Police Department, and the Hartford Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are conducting the investigation.

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## **RE: NOTIFICATION TO POLICE**

**OCME CASE #** 23-19929

## PD CASE #

This is to inform you that the cause of death of the following person is as stated below.

| Name of the Deceased  | Found Dead On: | Autopsy Performed: |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Unidentified Hartford | 10/16/2023     | Yes, 10/17/2023    |

## The cause of death has been certified as: GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF TORSO AND RIGHT UPPER EXTREMITY

The manner of death has been certified as: Homicide

Sincerely,

James R. Gill, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner

COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS: 1- Complete as required.

2- Make one copy for case file.

3- Original to Police Department.

