



State of Connecticut

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

ROBERT J. DEVLIN, JR.
INSPECTOR GENERAL

P.O. BOX 460
CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT 06410
ROBERT.DEVLIN@CT.GOV
Telephone: (203) 806-1595

December 5, 2023

Preliminary Status Report Regarding the Use of Deadly Force by the West Haven Police Department on December 1, 2023 Resulting in the Death of Jovan Washington

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 West Haven Police Department on December 1, 2023. The Office of Inspector General is investigating an officer-involved shooting that resulted in the death of Jovan Washington, an African-American male, age 33.

On December 1, 2023, at approximately 1:55 a.m., West Haven police officers were dispatched to 296 Terrace Avenue, Apartment C2, West Haven, Connecticut on a domestic violence complaint. At that location, the police spoke to the complainant who reported that Jovan Washington had attempted to strangle her and would not let her leave the apartment. Police went to a bedroom in the apartment and spoke to Jovan Washington, who was in bed. Officer Cody Bacon informed Washington that he was going to be taken into custody and asked him if he wanted to put on a pair of pants. Washington got out of bed and was moving toward a closet when he suddenly turned and reached under the mattress for a gun. A struggle ensued during which Washington fired one shot striking Officer Bacon in the leg. Officer Alex Triscritti then fired multiple shots striking Washington.

Officers on scene provided medical aid to Washington and requested Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to respond. EMS transported Washington to Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) where he was pronounced dead. The police transported Officer Bacon to YNHH for treatment for a gunshot wound to his upper leg.

To view the relevant portion of Officer Bacon's body worn camera, click [here](#). To view the relevant portion of Officer Triscritti's body-worn camera, click [here](#).

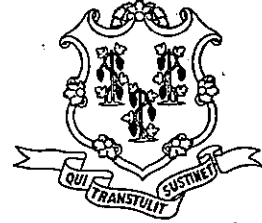
The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of Jovan Washington's death to be: "GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF TORSO AND EXTREMITIES." A copy of the Medical Examiner's Notification to Police is attached. As of the date of this report, neither the death certificate nor the toxicological report is available.

December 5, 2023

Page 2

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

State of Connecticut
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
11 Shuttle Road, Farmington, CT 06032
Telephone: (860) 679-3980



12/01/2023

CT State Police, Central Dist. Headquarters
1111 Country Club Rd.
Meriden, CT 06450

RE: NOTIFICATION TO POLICE

OCME CASE # 23-23222

PD CASE # CFS2300472891

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:
Jovan Washington	12/01/2023	Yes, 12/01/2023

The cause of death has been certified as:
GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF TORSO AND EXTREMITIES

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.



23-23222NOPO