Preliminary Status Report Concerning the Use of Deadly Force
In Cromwell, Connecticut on March 17, 2020

The Division of Criminal Justice submits this preliminary status report regarding the use of deadly force in Cromwell, CT on March 17, 2020. At approximately 9:55 am, Cromwell Police were assisting a Probation Officer in conducting a home visit after obtaining information that Samuel Moore, a 36 year old African American male was in possession of a firearm. When officers attempted to speak with Mr. Moore, he entered a car on the property and attempted to flee. An officer who had been stationed on the perimeter of the scene, Sgt. Ryan Parsons discharged one shot into Mr. Moore’s car. Mr. Moore was uninjured and was apprehended a short time later.

On March 17, 2020, the undersigned was appointed to lead the investigation to determine whether the use of force was appropriate under Connecticut General Statute Section 53a-22. Assistance is being provided by the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad who processed the scene and are conducting interviews of potential witnesses.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available including the release of body cam footage.

Respectfully submitted,

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