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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police, Central District Major Crime Squad, the Milford Police Department, and the Ansonia/Milford State's Attorney's Office are investigating the death of Michael Brown, an African-American male, age 52, who died on June 5, 2024, while in the custody of the Milford Police Department.

On June 5, 2024, sometime after 10:36 a.m., Milford police officers responded to the Big Y Supermarket, 150 Boston Post Road, Milford, to investigate a report of shoplifting by Michael Brown. Brown was wanted on eight outstanding arrest warrants for shoplifting. Officers observed Brown exiting the store and followed him to his car. Brown ignored the officers' directions to stop, and he entered the car. After he was physically removed from the car and placed in handcuffs, Brown complained of shortness of breath and leg pain. Police summoned medical help from the Milford Fire Department who responded to the scene and provided medical aid. During transport to Milford Hospital, Brown stopped breathing. He was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

As of this date, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has not determined the cause and manner of death. A copy of the Medical Examiner's Notification to Police is attached.

To review a portion of the body worn camera recording of Brown's arrest, click here.

The investigation is continuing.

M.E. CASE NUMBER: 24-11272

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Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

11 Shuttle Road, Farmington, CT 06032

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06/06/2024

Milford Police Dept. 430 Boston Post Rd. Milford, CT 06460

RE: NOTIFICATION TO POLICE

OCME CASE # 24-11272

PD CASE # 4484-24

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:
Michael Brown	06/05/2024	Yes, 06/06/2024

The cause of death has been certified as:

PENDING FURTHER STUDIES

The manner of death has been certified as: Pending Investigation

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.

