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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad, the Naugatuck Police Department, and the Waterbury State's Attorney's Office are investigating an officer-involved shooting incident that occurred in Naugatuck on April 25, 2024.

On April 25, 2024, at approximately 9:12 a.m., Naugatuck Police Department received a 911 call that there was a male with a knife at Baummer's Pond Park acting erratically. Naugatuck officers responded to the park located on Mill Street. Upon arrival, they observed Kyle O'Creene, a Caucasian male, age 24, near a picnic table holding a knife.

O'Creene stood up and advanced upon the officers with the knife, ignoring multiple commands to drop the knife. Officers initially attempted to subdue O'Creene using a taser, but the taser deployment was unsuccessful. When O'Creene continued to advance on the Naugatuck officers still holding the knife, Officer Crystal Hudson and Officer Joseph Palhete discharged their handguns, striking and wounding O'Creene.

Officers on scene immediately commenced providing medical aid to O'Creene who was ultimately taken to Waterbury Hospital for treatment. He remains at the hospital in stable condition.

To review a portion of Officer Hudson's body-worn camera, click [here](#).

To review a portion of Officer Palhete's body-worn camera, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.