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### PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 243 North Main Street, Apartment A, Manchester, Connecticut.

On that date, at approximately 6:39 p.m., Manchester Police Officer Haylee Ouellette responded to 243-A North Main Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, Officer Ouellette entered the residence and was confronted by Joseph Diloreto. Diloreto, who was armed with a knife, immediately became belligerent with Officer Ouellette. As he advanced toward Officer Ouellette, she put out her hand to stop him and he slapped her hand away. Diloreto yelled "Shoot me." In an effort to neutralize Diloreto, Officer Ouellette deployed her taser, but it was unsuccessful.

Diloreto, still holding the knife, then advanced on Officer Ouellette. She retreated to an adjacent courtyard repeatedly commanding Diloreto to drop the knife. Diloreto disregarded these commands and continued to advance on Officer Ouellette shouting "Hit me, hit me, hit me." Ultimately, Officer Ouellette discharged her handgun multiple times striking Diloreto in the upper left thigh. He fell to the ground and Officer Ouellette was able to secure the knife and handcuff him.

Manchester Fire EMS treated Diloreto on scene and he was transported to Hartford Hospital for further treatment.

The encounter with Diloreto was recorded on Officer Ouellette's body-worn camera. To view a portion of that recording, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.