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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 took place on August 12, 2023 in Middletown. The Middletown Police Department and Middlesex State's Attorney's Office are investigating all other aspects of this incident.

On Saturday August 12, 2023 at approximately 6:33 a.m., the Middletown Police Department received a complaint of excessive noise and breaking glass at 195 Liberty Street, Middletown. Detective Karli Travis was working a routine shift in patrol uniform and responded to the call in a marked police cruiser. Detective Travis parked her police cruiser at the intersection of Liberty Street and Park Place and approached the subject premises on foot. Near 195 Liberty Street, Detective Travis was confronted by Winston Tate, age 52. Tate was in possession of a hammer. Tate charged at Detective Travis and a violent struggle ensued. During this struggle, Detective Travis discharged her firearm multiple times. Tate, wounded, retreated into 195 Liberty Street.

Additional Middletown officers arrived and surrounded the premises at 195 Liberty Street. Tate was taken into custody as he exited the basement hatchway. He was treated by medics and transported to Hartford Hospital by ambulance. Tate was released from the hospital late on August 14, 2023.

Detective Travis was also injured during the incident. She was taken to Middlesex Hospital and has been treated and released.

To view the relevant portion of Detective Travis' body-worn camera, click [here](#). During the encounter, her camera fell from her uniform and onto the ground.

The investigation is continuing.