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### PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General, together with the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad, North Haven Police Department, New Haven Police Department, South Central Regional SWAT team, and the New Haven Judicial District State's Attorney's Office, are investigating a shooting incident that took place on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 154 Cloudland Road, North Haven, Connecticut.

On Monday, August 19, 2024, at approximately 8:02 p.m., officers from the North Haven Police Department were dispatched to 154 Cloudland Road on a report of shots fired. En route officers learned that residents of a neighboring house reported hearing sounds of gunfire coming from the rear of 154 Cloudland Road. A record check for that address produced the name Robert Mazurek. Mazurek had a previous arrest for unlawful discharge of a firearm from his residence while intoxicated.

Upon arrival, the North Haven officers approached the residence and observed Mazurek walking out of the house. He gestured to the officers to leave. Looking in the garage window, officers saw Mazurek sitting at a table cleaning an object. When the officers knocked on the garage door, Mazurek shouted: "Get a warrant," "Get off my property," "I'll blow your fucking heads off, get off my property." Officers observed a yellow shotgun shell outside the garage. The South Central Regional SWAT team was activated.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., the SWAT team arrived along with a crisis negotiator. Contact was established with Mazurek. During the negotiations (which lasted through the night) Mazurek exhibited volatile and irrational behavior. He repeatedly threatened to kill law enforcement by means of firearms and explosive devices, including grenades.

At approximately 5:30 a.m., the SWAT team deployed a chemical agent into the house. In response, Mazurek fired four rounds. Over the next three hours, Mazurek fired multiple shotgun rounds at five SWAT operators and their Bearcat vehicle. Three SWAT operators returned fire - North Branford Police Officer Thomas Pacelli, East Haven Police Officer Raymond Wilson, and Branford Police Officer Rocco Morgan.

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At approximately 9:30 a.m., Mazurek surrendered and was taken into custody. Neither Mazurek nor any of the police officers on scene sustained any injury. Mazurek was arrested and charged with five counts of Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault First Degree and five counts of Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault on a Police Officer.

To review a body-worn camera recording of Mazurek shooting at police from inside his house, click [here](#). To review a body-worn camera recording of police direction to Mazurek to disarm, click [here](#). To review a body-worn camera recording of Mazurek's apprehension, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.