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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General along with the East Haven Police Department, Branford Police Department, Milford Police Department, and the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred yesterday in Milford at approximately 9:13 a.m.

On January 5, 2023, shortly before 9:00 a.m., members of the East Haven Police Department along with FBI Task Force Officers attempted to arrest Nicholas Gambardella, a Caucasian male age 27, on outstanding felony warrants. The police had information that Gambardella possessed a gun. Officers used their police vehicles to block Gambardella's car that had stopped in a Burger King parking lot in Branford. Gambardella fled, crashing into two police cars, and drove away ultimately onto I-95 southbound. Officers pursued.

To view a video of Gambardella's flight from the officers, click [here](#).

At exit 36 in Milford, Gambardella drove off I-95. His vehicle crashed at the end of the exit ramp and he fled on foot. He ran across both the southbound and northbound lanes of I-95 to a grass area on the east side of the highway. East Haven Police Department Lieutenant Joseph Finoia and Lieutenant Kevin Klarman chased Gambardella across I-95. In the grass area on the east side of I-95, Gambardella appeared to reach and turn toward the officers. Lieutenant Finoia fired his weapon three times. None of the shots struck Gambardella. Officers then quickly took him into custody. Police did not find a weapon on or near Gambardella.

To view a portion of Lieutenant Klarman's body-worn camera video, click [here](#). See the attached photo to view a screenshot of the shooting.

To view a portion of Lieutenant Finoia's body-worn camera, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.

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