



# State of Connecticut

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### PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General, the Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad, and the Tolland Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 7 Meadow Road, Bolton, Connecticut.

On that date at approximately 2:15 p.m., the Connecticut State Police received a report that a party, later identified as Maxim Nowak, a white male, age 29, was experiencing a mental health crisis. Nowak's family reported that Maxim was threatening to harm himself and others and was waving a knife. The State Police dispatched Trooper Wendy Garcia-Campos, Trooper Doug Bernier, and Trooper Brian Contenta to the residence. Upon arrival, the troopers encountered Nowak in the main hallway of the residence. He was armed with two knives. The troopers made several efforts to convince Nowak to drop the knives, but he refused. When Nowak raised the knife that he held in his left hand, Bernier deployed his Taser and Contenta discharged his firearm multiple times striking Nowak.

State Troopers and EMS treated Nowak on scene, and he was transported to Hartford Hospital. He remains there under treatment.

Trooper Contenta was equipped with a body worn camera during his encounter with Nowak. To view a portion of that recording, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.