



# State of Connecticut

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### PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad, Bridgeport Police Department, and Bridgeport Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred on May 16, 2024, in Bridgeport.

On May 16, 2024, at approximately 5:54 a.m., Bridgeport police officers were dispatched to 203 Birdseye Street on a report of a person acting erratically, knocking on doors, and brandishing a knife. Officers Israel Colon and Darryl Wilson, Jr. responded to Birdseye Street. Upon arrival, they were immediately confronted in the street by Dale Stephenson, an African-American male, age 49, of Bridgeport. Stephenson charged at the officers brandishing a knife in each hand. Officer Colon fired three shots at Stephenson, striking and wounding him.

The officers on scene provided immediate medical aid to Stephenson. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital for treatment. As of this date, he is listed in serious but stable condition.

Stephenson has been charged with criminal attempt to commit assault first degree and related charges with a court set bond of \$100,000.

To view a body-worn camera recording of the shooting, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.