



# State of Connecticut

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October 18, 2023

### **Preliminary Status Report Regarding the Use of Deadly Force by the Wallingford Police Department on October 16, 2023 Resulting in the Death of Donald Passmore**

In accordance with General Statutes §51-277a(a)(5), Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr., submits this preliminary status report regarding the use of deadly force by the Wallingford Police Department on October 16, 2023. The Office of Inspector General is investigating an officer-involved shooting that resulted in the death of Donald Passmore, a Caucasian male, age 62.

On October 16, 2023 at about 2:37 a.m., the Wallingford Police Department received a 911 call reporting that a man shot himself in the face at 132 North Airline Road. Officers Gordon McCaskill and Robert Bellucci were sent to investigate. On arrival, officers spoke with a female witness who stated that her boyfriend, Donald Passmore, shot himself in their bedroom. Officers entered the house, announced that they were police officers and asked, "where's the gun?" Passmore spoke to them from the bedroom, and they proceeded to the bedroom door, where Passmore was lying on the bed. The officers spoke to Passmore for about nine minutes. They asked Passmore to place his hands in the air and instructed him several times not to touch the gun. At 2:54 a.m. officers said "don't touch the gun!" and "put your right hand up!" At this point, a total of approximately 10 rounds were fired at Passmore. Officers located a .22 caliber revolver on the bed.

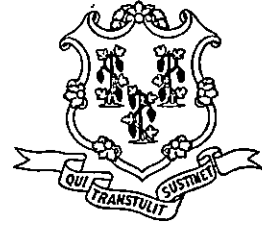
Wallingford Police Department personnel rendered medical assistance until the arrival of Emergency Medical Services. Passmore was then transported to MidState Medical Center in Meriden, where he was pronounced dead at 3:37 a.m.

To view the relevant portion of Officer McCaskill's body-worn camera, click [here](#). To view the relevant portion of Officer Bellucci's body-worn camera, click [here](#).

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of death to be: "Gunshot wounds of torso." A copy of medical examiner's Notification to Police is attached. As of this date, neither the death certificate nor the toxicological report is available.

The Office of Inspector General, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad, and the Wallingford Police Department are conducting the investigation.

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11 Shuttle Road, Farmington, CT 06032  
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10/17/2023

Wallingford Police Dept.  
135 N. Main St.  
Wallingford, CT 06492

**RE: NOTIFICATION TO POLICE**

**OCME CASE # 23-19863**

**PD CASE # 23-32198**

**This is to inform you that the cause of death of the following person is as stated below.**

Name of the Deceased	Found Dead On:	Autopsy Performed:
<b>Donald Passmore</b>	<b>10/16/2023</b>	<b>Yes, 10/17/2023</b>

The cause of death has been certified as:  
**GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF TORSO**

The manner of death has been certified as: **Homicide**

Sincerely,

*James R. Gill, M.D.*  
Chief Medical Examiner

**COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1- Complete as required.
- 2- Make one copy for case file.
- 3- Original to Police Department.

