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PRELIMINARY STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE USE OF FORCE BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE ON AUGUST 24, 2022

In accordance with General Statutes §51-277a(a)(4), Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr., submits this preliminary status report regarding the use of force by the Connecticut State Police on August 24, 2022. The Office of Inspector General is investigating the use of force that resulted in the death of Ryan Marzi, a Caucasian male, age 38.

On August 24, 2022, at approximately 10:11 p.m., Connecticut State Trooper Desmond Stimson responded to 206 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT on a complaint of domestic violence. At the location, there was a physical altercation between Trooper Stimson and Ryan Marzi. This altercation resulted in both Trooper Stimson and Marzi sustaining injuries. Marzi sustained an injury to his left leg. During the incident, Connecticut State Trooper Jessie Rainville deployed a Taser in an effort to subdue Marzi.

Marzi was arrested on several family violence charges. He was taken to Backus Hospital where he was treated and released. He was later released on bond.

Four days later on August 28, 2022, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Marzi's father found him unresponsive at his home in Hebron, Connecticut. He was later pronounced dead. Shortly after the incident the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) performed an autopsy. On December 7, 2022, the OCME reported its conclusion that Marzi died from a pulmonary embolism related to the leg injury he sustained in the altercation with Trooper Stimson.

The dashboard camera on Trooper Stimson's police cruiser recorded a portion of this incident. To view that recording, click [here](#). Trooper Stimson's body-worn camera also recorded a portion of the incident. Shortly into the recording, the picture goes dark but the dialogue among Trooper Stimson, Trooper Rainville and Marzi can be heard. To view that recording, click [here](#).

The Office of the Inspector General, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad, and the Windham Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are conducting the investigation.