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**Tuesday, December 29, 2020**  
**Preliminary Status Report of Investigation**  
**Re: Hartford, Connecticut – December 26, 2020**

The Division of Criminal Justice submits this preliminary status report regarding a police use of deadly force incident in Hartford, Connecticut on December 26, 2020.

On December 26, 2020, I was assigned by Chief State's Attorney Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., to lead the investigation to determine whether the use of force was appropriate under Connecticut General Statutes Section 53a-22. The Connecticut State Police Eastern District Major Crime Squad (EDMCS), headed by Sgt. Brett Langevin, is conducting the investigation. As of this date, the EDMCS has processed the scene and is conducting interviews of potential witnesses.


On December 26, 2020, at approximately 8:53 p.m., Hartford Police were dispatched pursuant to a 911 call to the area of 25 Gilman Street on the report of a male individual in the street carrying a gun. The 911 caller identified the individual as "a young man, black male, wearing basketball shorts, kind of black, dark color, and a blue shirt, with dreads in his hair." The caller identified the individual as Shamar Ogman (DOB 1/10/90) and further told police that he was "acting very deranged."

Several officers arrived on the scene approximately three minutes after the dispatch and located Mr. Ogman. A preliminary review of the body worn camera footage of the incident appears to show Mr. Ogman holding a handgun in one hand and a rifle in his other hand. Mr. Ogman refused to comply with commands to drop the weapons and continued to run from officers through the residential neighborhood.

Mr. Ogman failed to comply with additional requests to drop the weapons and appears to point the rifle in the direction of the police. At that time, Officer Ashley Martinez fired one shot and struck Mr. Ogman. Hartford Police immediately began providing medical treatment and continued treatment until medical personnel arrived shortly thereafter. Mr. Ogman was taken to Hartford Hospital where he later succumbed to his injury.

As this is an ongoing investigation, I have directed that portions of the body worn camera footage be released at this time. Specifically, the attachments contain portions of the body worn camera footage from Officers Christopher Larson, Ashley Martinez and Joseph Walsh.

This afternoon, I met with family members of Mr. Ogman and provided the latest updates on the investigation. Further information will be provided as the investigation progresses in a manner that does not compromise the ongoing Division of Criminal Justice inquiry.

  
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