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Preliminary Status Report of Investigation
Re: Naugatuck, Connecticut – September 14, 2020

The Division of Criminal Justice submits this preliminary status report regarding the police-involved use of force in Naugatuck, CT on September 14, 2020.

On September 15, 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 Western District Major Crime Squad is providing assistance, has processed the scene, and is conducting interviews of potential witnesses.

On September 14, 2020 at about 8:00 PM Naugatuck Police Department Patrol Officer Kevin Zainc, who has been employed by the Naugatuck Police Department for 15 years, 3 months, was operating a marked patrol vehicle while in uniform and observed what he believed to be a hand to hand drug transaction conducted from an automobile operated by Roznovsky Machado of Waterbury, CT.

Officer Zainc followed Mr. Machado's orange 2019 Dodge Charger bearing Ohio Registration: HQJ2680 onto the northbound ramp of Route 8 at Maple Street, where he made a stop. Officer Zainc parked his patrol vehicle behind Mr. Machado's car. He advised Mr. Machado that he was stopped for conducting what appeared to be a hand to hand transaction. During the stop, Mr. Machado provided his name but was unable to provide a valid operator's license.

Sergeant Nicholas Kehoss, who has been with the Naugatuck Police Department for 10 years, arrived in uniform in a marked patrol vehicle to assist in the stop. Sgt. Kehoss blocked Mr. Machado's vehicle from the front. During the stop, Mr. Machado put his car in gear and attempted to flee, striking Sgt. Kehoss's vehicle and driving directly toward Sgt. Kehoss, who was outside of his car. Sgt. Kehoss was struck and sustained injuries for which he was treated and released.

Sgt. Kehoss discharged his duty weapon. Mr. Machado fled the scene and has not been apprehended. The vehicle operated by Mr. Machado, a rental car, was later found in the City of Waterbury.

It is unknown whether any of the shots struck Mr. Machado, whether Mr. Machado suffered any injuries, and if he did suffer any injuries, their nature or extent.

I have directed that body camera footage be released. Further information will be provided as the investigation progresses in a manner that does not compromise the ongoing DCJ inquiry.

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