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Preliminary Status Report Regarding the Use of Deadly Force by the Bridgeport Police Department on March 31, 2025 Resulting in the Death of Dyshan Best

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 Bridgeport Police Department on March 31, 2025, that resulted in the death of Dyshan Best, an African-American male, age 39.

According to initial police reports, on March 31, 2025, at approximately 5:50 p.m., uniformed Bridgeport Police officers, including Officer Yoon Heo and Officer Erin Perrotta, responded to East Main Street on a report of a large fight. There was information that people had gathered in connection with a funeral. In addition, there was further information that there was a black Chevrolet Tahoe in the area whose occupant had a gun. Police located the black Tahoe parked at a store parking lot on East Main Street. There were two occupants. Officer Perrotta opened the passenger door and told the passenger, later identified as Dyshan Best, that he was going to be patted down. Best exited the vehicle and fled. He was holding a Rémy Martin liquor bottle in one hand. Officers Perrotta and Heo pursued, and a foot chase ensued. At a gas station near the intersection of Beecher Street and Kossuth Street, Officer Heo deployed a Taser. Best continued to run losing his shoes as he ran through the gas station. The pursuit proceeded down Kossuth Street and into a driveway near 1420 Kossuth Street. By this time, Best had discarded the liquor bottle. As Best ran up the driveway, he displayed an object that appeared to be a gun in his right hand. Officer Heo fired his handgun two times, striking Best. Police recovered a gun next to the spot where he fell. It was a Highpoint Compact 9mm handgun. Officers immediately provided medical aid on scene and continued to provide aid until the arrival of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

Best was taken by ambulance to Bridgeport Hospital. He was pronounced deceased at 7:41 p.m.

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On April 1, 2025, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner performed an autopsy of Dyshan Best. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be “GUNSHOT WOUND OF TORSO” and the manner of death to be “Homicide.” A copy of the Medical Examiner’s Notification to Police is [attached](#). As of the date of this report, neither the death certificate nor toxicology results are available.

At the time of this incident, Officers Perrotta and Heo were equipped with body-worn cameras that were activated. To view the relevant portion of Officer Perrotta’s body-worn camera recording, click [here](#). To view the relevant portion of Officer Heo’s body-worn camera, click [here](#). The Citgo Station on the corner of Boston Avenue and Beecher Street had a surveillance camera that recorded a portion of the pursuit. To view a slow-motion version of this recording, click [here](#).

A screenshot from Officer Heo’s body-worn camera shows the moment before the shots were fired:

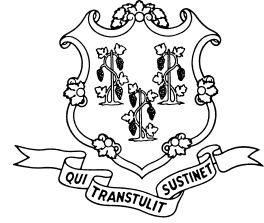


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The Office of Inspector General, Bridgeport Police Department, Connecticut State Police, Western District Major Crime Squad and the Bridgeport Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are conducting the investigation which is continuing.

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RE: NOTIFICATION TO POLICE

OCME CASE # 25-07005

PD CASE # IG2025-13

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

Name of the Deceased Dyshan Best	Found Dead On: 03/31/2025	Autopsy Performed: Yes, 04/01/2025
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The cause of death has been certified as:
GUNSHOT WOUND 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.



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