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January 30, 2020

Via Hand-Delivery

To the Honorable Committees on Judiciary and Public Safety and Security:

Pursuant to Section 3 of Public Act 19-90, attached please find the preliminary report of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of New Britain concerning the death of Edward Gendron in Waterbury, Connecticut, on January 20, 2020.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to State's Attorney Brian Preleski in New Britain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Russotto".

John J. Russotto
Acting Chief State's Attorney

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Enclosure



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Preliminary Status Report Concerning the Use of Deadly Force
In Waterbury, Connecticut on January 20, 2020

Pursuant to Public Act 19-90, the Division of Criminal Justice submits this preliminary status report regarding the use of deadly force in Waterbury, CT on January 20, 2020.

Edward Gendron, a 57 year old Caucasian male died as a result of gunshot wounds sustained during an encounter with Waterbury Police Officer Ronald Tompkins. Mr. Gendron's injuries were sustained on January 20 at approximately 12:26 p.m. in his home located at 81 Craigie Avenue, Waterbury. The Waterbury Police Department is the only agency implicated in the use of force. No toxicology report is available as of the date of this report and the ME-123 is attached hereto.

On January 20, 2020, the undersigned was appointed to lead the investigation to determine whether the use of force was appropriate under General Statutes Section 53a-22. Assistance is being provided by the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad who processed the scene and are conducting interviews of potential witnesses.

I wish to extend my condolences to Mr. Gendron's family and will provide further updates when warranted.

Cordially

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Preleski".

Brian Preleski
New Britain State's Attorney

Dated: 1/29/20

NOTIFICATION TO POLICE

ME-123 REV. 12/16

OCME CASE # 20-01296

PD CASE # CFS2000031110

State of Connecticut
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
11 Shuttle Road, Farmington, CT 06032-1939 TEL. (860)679-3980

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

Name of the Deceased Edward R Gendron Jr.	Found Dead On: 01/20/2020	Autopsy Performed: Yes, 01/21/2020	Date of this Notice: 01/28/2020
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The cause of death has been certified as: **GUNSHOT WOUNDS OF CHEST**

The other significant conditions are:

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

TO:
Insp. Frederick Haddad
State's Attorney's Office – New Britain J.D.
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James R. Gill, MD
Chief Medical Examiner

COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:

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- 2- Make one copy for case file.
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