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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Trooper-Involved Shooting  
In West Nottingham**

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania State Police announced that there was a Trooper-involved shooting in West Nottingham, Pennsylvania, shortly after 1:00 a.m. on February 1, 2019. After the suspect fled in a high-speed car chase, the suspect got out of his vehicle and pointed a gun at Troopers. Two Troopers then discharged their weapons. The suspect was struck multiple times and is in the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Based on a preliminary investigation, the following facts have been established. At 1:00 a.m., the Pennsylvania State Police ("PSP") observed a white van with a non-functioning rear brake light. The owner of the vehicle had an open criminal warrant. A PSP patrol vehicle executed a traffic stop in the area of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oxford Borough. The driver and sole occupant of the van was identified as Jeremy Oatman, a 42 year old white male from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. During the midst of the traffic stop, Oatman fled the scene in his vehicle when two Troopers were at the side of his van.

Oatman fled in the van at a high rate of speed, pursued by the Troopers. During the pursuit, Oatman pointed a pistol at the Troopers. The van eventually struck an embankment at a CVS in West Nottingham, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Oatman jumped out of the van and pointed a pistol at the Troopers. Two Troopers discharged their firearms, striking Oatman multiple times. The Troopers took Oatman into custody and rendered medical treatment to him. The Troopers recovered Oatman's gun, which turned out to be a very realistic looking BB gun. See attached image. Oatman was transported via ambulance to a nearby hospital, where he is in non-life threatening condition and is being treated for his injuries.

Oatman has been charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, fleeing and eluding, and other related charges.

Pursuant to the Chester County District Attorney's Office Protocol, the Chester County Detectives -- the investigative arm of the District Attorney's Office -- will be the independent agency who will review this officer-involved shooting. The Chester County Detectives will work with the Pennsylvania State Police on this matter. The Chester County District Attorney will then make a decision regarding whether the shooting was justified.

All of this information is preliminary, pending a full review of all available evidence. At the conclusion of the investigation, the District Attorney's Office will provide written findings.

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Approved for release:

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