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District Attorney's Office Report on Officer-Involved Shooting

On Feb. 11, 2021, a member of the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team (WCRERT) fired a weapon in the line of duty. This incident arose after Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police (WEGO) and WCRERT responded to a report of a 34-year old barricaded gunman who threatened to kill family members and himself at his residence in East Goshen Township. While crisis negotiators attempted to communicate with the suspect in an effort for a peaceful surrender, he fired more than a dozen rounds at police. One round struck near where WCRERT members were standing for cover. A WCRERT member fired two rounds of defensive gunfire, striking the suspect. WCRERT administered first aid to the suspect before transferring him to Paoli Memorial Hospital, where he is currently listed in critical condition.

Pursuant to the Chester County District Attorney's Office (DAO) policy, the DAO was notified of this officer-involved shooting and conducted an independent investigation, working with members of WEGO and WCRERT. The DAO received the final police report on this case on Feb. 26, 2021.

The DAO concluded that the officer-involved shooting constituted a lawful use of force according to 18 Pa. C.S.A. §508. An investigation into the suspect is pending.

Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney