



Massachusetts State Police
HOMICIDE/DEATH REPORT 2022-110-147

Report Date: 01/23/2022

Primary Information

Description: **Burlington - Officer Involved Shooting (Fatal) - Paul Courtemanche 07-27-1979**
Dissemination Code: **report respect the security of its associated case**
Reporting LEO: **Torres, Francis E. (msp4636 / Middlesex Homicide Squad / Massachusetts State Police)**
Report Status: **Approved**
Report Status Date: **05/20/2022**
Approved By: **Delucia, Anthony R (MSP2975 / Massachusetts State Police)**

Analysis Information

Homicide: **YES**
In Custody Death: **NO**
Found Dead Date: **01/23/2022 12:00**
Medical Examiner: **Dr. Adebola Yakubu Owolewa**
Autopsy Photos Requested: **YES**

Narrative begins on the following page.

On Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. the Burlington Police Department received a 911 call from a male (Paul Courtemanche 07-27-1979) stating he had mental health issues and had a knife in hand.

Burlington Police responded with multiple units along with Burlington Fire in order to handle this as an EDP call. Courtemanche suddenly and aggressively ran out of the building towards the officers holding a knife. As Courtemanche ran towards the officers with a knife in hand, he was struck with a less than lethal round. He then continued to run armed at a Burlington Police Officer which resulted in her discharging her firearm, striking Courtemanche twice.

Courtemanche was transported to Lahey Hospital. Courtemanche was pronounced deceased. Multiple Witness interviews were conducted and NOK was notified in NH by Middlesex SPDU.

Interviews with the involved officers will be conducted next week.

The investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully,

Trooper Francis E. Torres # 4636

Middlesex District Attorney's Office

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