

Sister: Man killed by state trooper 'wouldn't hurt a fly'

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EPPING, N.H. (AP) - An investigation continues into the death of a 40-year-old man who was shot by a New Hampshire state trooper.

Authorities say they received a report of an erratic driver Saturday night and discovered Walter Welch Jr.'s pickup truck stopped in Epping.

State police say "an encounter ensued" and the trooper shot and killed Welch. Police say a gun was in Welch's hand.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday.

Welch's sister Tonya Hayes tells WFXT-TV her brother was a responsible gun owner and "wouldn't hurt a fly." The trooper, whose name has not been released, is on administrative leave.

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